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Commissioners returning EMA to current system

By TOM GIAMBRONI
Staff Writer

LISBON — Columbiana County commissioners have abandoned plans made in July to restructure the Emergency Management Agency and will return to the current system of having a director and deputy director.

The news came to light after commissioners voted 3-0 this week to hire Lisa Elliott of Lisbon to serve as the

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EMA's new administrative assistant, a position formally held by interim EMA Director Edie Dillard.

When EMA Director Darren Dodson submitted his resignation in July, commissioners announced they were going to replace the director/deputy director structure with two deputy di-

rector positions. They promptly named Samantha Works to one of the positions, but she later quit to return to her old job.

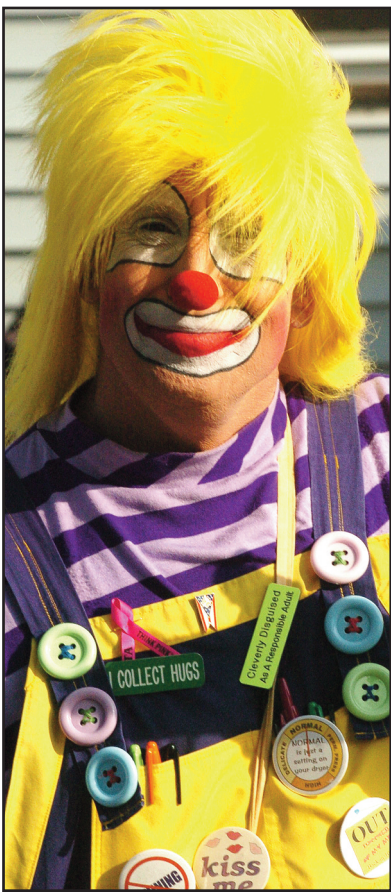
Meanwhile, commissioners promoted Dillard to interim EMA director while they decided who to name to the positions permanently. The deputy EMA position is currently vacant.

After Elliott was hired to serve as

administrative assistant, Commissioner Mike Halleck confirmed this meant they were returning to the original structure of having a director, deputy director and administrative assistant to perform clerical tasks, answer phones and other functions.

A candidate for commissioner in the recent election criticized the

See EMA, 3A



Christmas parade in Salem

Santa Claus, of course, was the highlight of the annual Christmas parade held Saturday in downtown Salem. Among those making appearances were the Grinch and clowns. More photos appear on pages 4 and 6A. The event was co-sponsored by the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce and the Salem News. (Salem News photos by J.D. Creer)

SALEM

Goll: Not seeking plant bids

By MARY ANN GREIER
Staff Writer

Utilities Commission Chairman Geoff Goll again voiced his intention to not seek bids for the Phase I wastewater treatment plant improvements until the state moves on phosphorous local limits and a long-pending consent decree against the city.

Goll said it will be two years this month since they were told a consent decree was on someone's desk and "we have yet to see a draft."

He made the comments during a recent Utilities Commission meeting where the members were updated on the status of the Phase I project. Representatives from Burgess and Niple Inc., the engineers on the project, were meeting this past week with representatives of the Utilities Department to go over the design.

It was expected that the final design would be forwarded to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for review, any changes the agency requests would be made and then the permit to install would be issued, allowing the project to advertise for bids possibly in February.

"We could have a proposed bid package submitted to us, but I will not agree to put out for bid without knowing what our costs will be," Goll said.

Assistant Utilities Superintendent Matt Hoopes said he spoke with someone from the OEPA and they also heard a draft of the consent decree was completed. Everything was depending on the Ohio Attorney General's office.

Goll said he's going to ask their attorney to talk with the Ohio Attorney General's office.

"This is becoming very frustrating," he said.

Last month, he commented that it made no sense to put the project out to bid

See BIDS, 3A

Needed drilling pipe inching closer from V&M Star

By LARRY SHIELDS
Staff writer

Weeks ago, Harry Schurr, Consol Energy's general manager of Utica operations, said he needed pipe in the ground but it was still early in the drilling game.

However, pipe is just over the horizon and inching closer and closer as the V&M Star pipe mill in Youngstown increases production.

The mill just produced its first piece of seamless pipe in October. So the pipe that will be sold to support the oil and gas drilling industry for years is on the way.

The French-owned V&M Star, now over a \$1 billion investment, will sell various lengths, diameters and grades of steel for different applications with just about all of it going into the ground.

There have been questions have been raised about keeping track of the pipe going into the ground to build "gathering" and new "transmission"

French-owned \$1 billion investment will sell various lengths, diameters and grades of steel for in-ground use

lines.

That's a potential problem if no one is keeping track and years down the road, when the last well is exhausted, who will be keeping an eye on the miles of aging, corroding steel just a few feet underground?

Starting at the local level, Assistant Columbiana County Engineer Bob Durbin said that legally the only involvement the engineers' office has with the pipelines is "if it crosses a right-of-way on a county road."

He said there are about 20 to 25 pipelines that cross roads and "they are well marked and you can see the crossings ... and they are maintained and mowed."

At the state level there is the Ohio Department of Natural Resources which permits drill sites to begin with, but the ODNR says it keeps "no records of pipeline installation" and another big state overseer, the Ohio Public Utilities Commission (PUCO), says it only regulates pipelines involved in the operation of the well, according to its website.

That is, for example, pipelines used to transport oil to the storage tank or gas to a point of delivery for the purpose of sale.

The ODNR also has a 17-page manual from its Division of Soil and Water Conservation regarding construction specifications and standards that zeros in on lines, pumps, valves that basically convey "liquids, gases and finely divided solids."

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) regulates the safety aspects of most gas pipelines located and the PUCO pipeline safety section monitors the construction of lines

and conducts routine inspections and audits once the lines are placed in service.

Jason Gilham, spokesperson for the PUCO, said the permitting process and property rights are also good places to check for line ownership and where they go, but he said there's no one-stop checkpoint.

"I don't think there's a master list, it's a matter of working through the processes."

Another way is to check is to look at the property rights for the land through county records.

He said the companies first mark the pipeline pathways after checking for easements and buried utilities before digging.

Another agency, the Ohio Power Siting Board certifies all gas pipelines longer than 500 feet in length and nine-inches in diameter.

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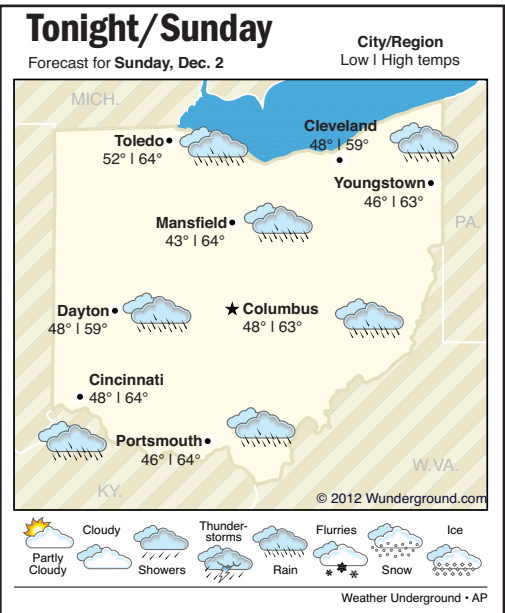
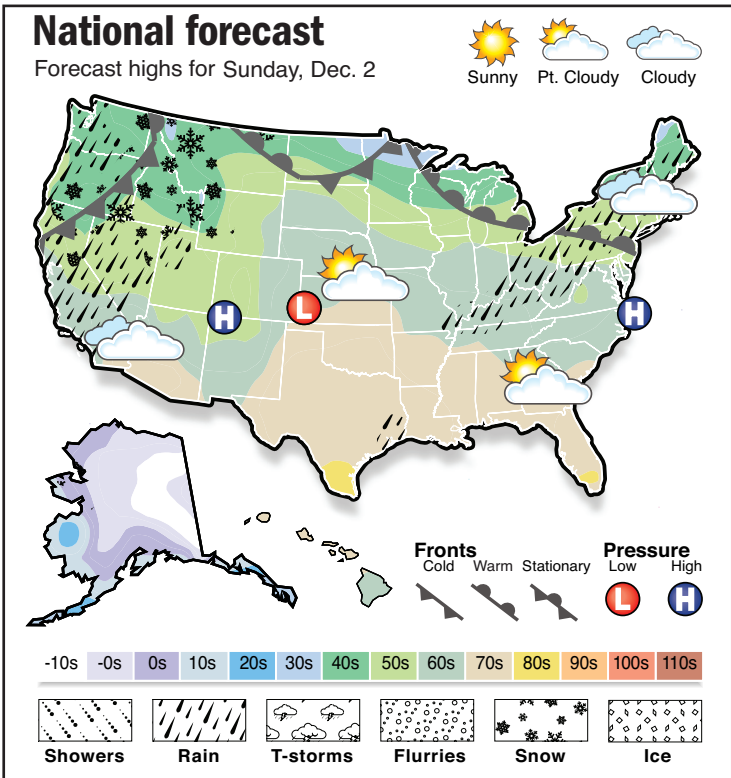
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WEATHER

THE FORECAST

AREA: Today...Showers. Highs in the upper 50s. Southwest winds around 15 mph. Chance of rain 80 percent. Tonight...Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Southwest winds 5 to 10 mph. Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Tuesday...Showers likely. Highs around 60. Chance of rain 70 percent. Tuesday night...Showers likely. Much cooler with lows in the mid 30s. Chance of rain 70 percent. Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers. Much cooler. Near steady temperature in the mid 30s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Thursday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Thursday night...Mostly cloudy. Near steady temperature in the upper 30s. Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the lower 50s.

CLEVELAND: Today...Showers. Highs around 60. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph with gusts up to 30 mph. Chance of rain 90 percent. Tonight...Cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Monday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Monday night...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Tuesday...Showers likely. Highs in the upper 50s. Chance of rain 70 percent. Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Much cooler with lows in the mid 30s. Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow showers. Much cooler. Near steady temperature in the mid 30s. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.



ALMANAC

On Dec. 2, 1942, an artificially created, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago. In 1804, Napoleon crowned himself Emperor of the French. In 1812, the Electoral College chose President James Madison to serve a second term of office. In 1823, President James Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere. In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry the previous October. In 1927, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its Model A automobile that replaced its Model T. In 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., for conduct that "tends to bring the Senate into disrepute." In 1961, Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared himself a Marxist-Leninist.

Ex-President George H.W. Bush in stable condition

HOUSTON (AP) — Former U.S. President George H.W. Bush remains in stable condition at a Houston hospital, but a lingering cough related to bronchitis likely will keep him there through the weekend.

Methodist Hospital spokesman George Kovacik said Saturday there is no change in the status of the 88-year-old Bush from earlier in the week. But Jim McGrath, a spokesman for the 41st president, said “he still has the cough and we’re now not expecting him to be discharged this weekend.”

McGrath said doctors are “going to play it safe there for obvious reasons.”

Aides had expected his discharge soon, but McGrath said “the cough has taken longer to clear up” than anticipated.

Bush has been in and out of the hospital recently for complications resulting from bronchitis. He has been treated with antibiotics and steroids, and this marks Bush’s second extended hospital stay since November.

Hospital visitors have included Bush’s son, former President George W. Bush, and his wife Laura, who live in Dallas.

The former president has a form of Parkinson’s disease that has forced him to use a wheelchair or motorized scooter to get around. Bush was seen a few weeks ago attending a Houston Texans NFL game, something he does frequently.

The elder Bush was vice president under Ronald Reagan from 1980 to 1988, when he was elected president. He lost his re-election bid to Bill Clinton four years later.

Bush and his wife, Barbara, now make their winter home in Houston and spend summers in Kennebunkport, Maine.

The former president was a naval aviator in World War II — at one point the youngest in the Navy — and was shot down over the Pacific. He achieved notoriety in retirement for skydiving on at least three of his birthdays since leaving the White House in 1992.

Obama to GOP: Don’t hold middle-class tax cuts hostage

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama says it’s unacceptable for some congressional Republicans to “hold middle-class tax cuts hostage” because they don’t want tax rates to rise on the wealthy.

In his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday, Obama says the average middle-class family of four could pay \$2,200 more

ACROSS OUR NATION

The group was made up of congregation members of Sweetwater’s Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, said Sweetwater Mayor Manny MaroOo.

“This is a tragic accident that has affected many families, as well as, our Sweewater family,” MaroOo said in a press release. “I am pursuing all avenues to get in touch with the appropriate persons to officially extend our help to the congregation and those who were hurt.”

A phone number listed for the center in Sweetwater went unanswered.

At the airport, two large signs warn drivers of large vehicles not to pass beneath the concrete overpass. One attached to the top of the concrete barrier reads: “High Vehicle STOP Turn Left.” The other, placed to the left of the driveway and several feet in front of the barrier, says all vehicles higher than the 8-foot-6 threshold must turn left.

Three people were at hospitals in critical condition. The other 27 surviving passengers were hurt, but their injuries were less extensive, authorities said.

One person died at the scene; the second died later at a hospital. Police said it was not immediately known if charges would be filed.

Osvaldo Lopez, an officer with the Miami-Dade Aviation Department, said he first heard a loud noise Saturday morning and was certain it was some sort of car wreck.

He said he went inside the bus to help and found several passengers thrown into the center aisle. He said the passengers, many of whom were elderly, remained calm after the wreck.

“It was just very bloody,” he said of the scene.

After helping the passengers, Lopez suffered some injuries of his own — his left arm and a finger on his right hand were both bandaged.

Fire trucks and police cars swarmed the area after 8 a.m. Saturday, and the bus was blocked off by yellow police tape. A white cooler that had been filled with water bottles was on its side behind the bus, the front of which remained wedged beneath the overpass for hours before it was towed away.

The bus was privately owned and typically used for tours, though police believe all the passengers were local residents, said Miami-Dade police Lt. Rosanna Cordero-Stutz.

The driver was unfamiliar with the area near the airport and did not intend to wind up at the arrivals area, Cordero-Stutz said. Investigators were interviewing the driver, she said.

The bus was going about 20 mph when it struck the overpass Saturday morning, Chin said.

The bus model is commonly used for charters and tours, with the driver seated low to the ground and passenger seats in an elevated area behind the driver’s seat.

Markings on the bus show it was owned by Miami Bus Service Corp.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration records found online show the company has had no violations for unsafe driving or controlled substances and alcohol. It also had not reported any crashes in the two years before Oct. 26, 2012.

The records show it did receive three citations related to driver fatigue in April 2011.

Experts’ review of New York fracking soon to be complete

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Experts reviewing the health effects of shale gas development in New York are among the nation’s most prominent in environmental health.

And that’s giving fracking opponents hope, but the industry concern, that reviewers will warn against drilling operations that use hydraulic fracturing.

The three experts may complete their review by Monday. At least one of them says that while she’s aware some things have gone wrong in communities with shale gas drilling, the health and environmental damage from using gas for heat and fuel may not be as bad as burning coal.

Health professionals and environmental groups in New York asked for a comprehensive health study but, instead, environmental chief Joe Martens is having the state health department and outside experts review the Department of Environmental Conservation’s own analysis.

Two dead after bus crash at Florida airport; three are critical

MIAMI (AP) — A charter bus carrying 32 members of a church group hit a concrete overpass at Miami International Airport after the driver got lost Saturday, killing two elderly people on board and leaving three others critically injured, officials said.

The large, white bus was too tall for the 8-foot-6-inch entrance to the arrivals area, said airport spokesman Greg Chin. Buses are supposed to go through the departures area, which has a higher ceiling, he said.

Chin said passengers told him they were part of a group of Jehovah’s Witnesses headed to West Palm Beach. Police said in a news release that the group had chartered the bus to take them to a church convention there.

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DEATHS

Nolan David Kappler
Brantley Reese Kappler
Amelia Grace Kappler

BOARDMAN — Nolan David Kappler, Brantley Reese Kappler and Amelia Grace Kappler died shortly after birth on Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown.

They were the children of Brandon D. and Christina (Geitgey) Kappler of Boardman.

Besides by their parents, they were survived by paternal grandparents Ron and Lynne Kappler of North Lima, maternal grandparents David and Georgia Geitgey of Cornersburg, paternal great-grandparents Dwain and Patricia Yeagley of Greenford and Walt and Eileen Kappler of Columbiana; and maternal great-grandparents Willard Fitzgerald of Youngstown and Duane and Marjorie Geitgey of New Middletown.

They were preceded in death by a great-grandmother, Martha Fitzgerald.

Private services will be held on Wednesday. Burial will be at Greenford Christian Church Cemetery.

The Arbaugh-Pearce-Greenisen & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Miriam Mae Shearer

SALEM — Miriam Mae Shearer, 96, of Salem, died Saturday afternoon.

Arrangements are pending with Arbaugh-Pearce-Greenisen & Sons Funeral Home.

12/2/12

Larry V. Johns

LISBON — Larry Van Johns, 64, of Trinity Church Road, died at 10:20 a.m. Saturday at his home with his family by his side.

Arrangements are pending at the Eells-Leggett-Stauffer Funeral Home.

12/2/12

Arlene May Forkel

SALEM — Arlene May Forkel, 86, of Salem, died at 3:07 p.m. Saturday at Canton Aultman Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending at Stark Memorial.

12/2/12

Tara Lee Dattilio

SALEM — Tara Lee Dattilio, 43, of Salem, died at 6 p.m. Thursday.

Born Feb. 2, 1969 in Salem, she was a daughter of the late William C. and Shari Ann (Gavin) Dattilio and lived in the area all of her life.

She was a graduate of Columbiana High School where she played on the softball team and was on the swim team. She was a member of St. Jude Church in Columbiana.

Survivors include a son, Scott Lee Dattilio of Salem; a sister, Lana Sue (Brad) While of New Waterford; a brother, Rick Carl Dattilio of Columbiana; and a stepmother, Jean Dattilio of Salem.

Besides by her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert William Dattilio and Shawn Allen Dattilio.

There will be no services or calling hours. Arbaugh-Pearce-Greenisen & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

12/2/12

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

— Wayne Wickline called at 9:20 p.m. Friday about a possible poacher on Pine Hollow Road near Lusk Lock Road, reporting a suspicious vehicle along the roadway. A deputy made contact with two people and learned they were waiting for the property owner to arrive to start their weekend hunting trip.

— Brett Bowker, Adams Road, East Palestine, reported at 8:52 p.m. Friday that someone entered his daughter's vehicle Tuesday night and stole her purse, which contained \$200 and her identification. He heard from a neighbor that other people had their cars entered and items stolen the same night.

— Paul Morgan, Zeigler Road, Hanoverton, reported at 7:02 p.m. Friday that someone stole two firearms from his truck Thursday night.

— Steve Sosenko, Speidel Road, Hanoverton, reported at 3:21 p.m. Friday that someone stole his mailbox. The mailbox was taken three or four nights before he called and he believed his pension check may have been in the box. He'll contact someone about his lost check.

— Diane Johnson, Hillcrest Road, Wellsville, reported at 2:59 p.m. Friday that she found on her bank statement on Wednesday that \$100 was removed from her account. The money was taken out \$20 at a time, five times on the same day. The bank told her to file a report and her card was cancelled.

— Sara Utt, state Route 39, Wellsville, reported her purse was stolen at a friend's property on Buckeye Road in Lisbon. She had placed the purse on the hood of her car along with her water bottle and went inside at 1 p.m. When she and her friend came out to go to work at 1:20 p.m., her purse was missing. A neighbor who was having a yard sale said a person in a beat-up old blue truck stopped at his sale and then stopped in front of where the purse was on the car and got out of his truck. The neighbor did not see what he was doing. They walked in the neighborhood and found her water bottle near the campground, but no sign of the purse or its contents.

— Pat O'Connor, U.S. Route 30, Kensington, reported at 10:35 a.m. Friday that he had an ongoing problem with his neighbor's cows getting out and coming onto his property. He was hunting on the property and the cows have been getting out every day this week and they chased them back in the fence. He leases the property to two other people and the cows are getting into their baled hay. The owner of the cows was identified as Russell Brown. A deputy planned to contact him about keeping the cows on his own property or he'll be charged.

— Pat Lanzer, Hansellman Road, Homeworth, reported at 10:22 a.m. Friday that someone entered his truck parked in the driveway Sunday night, took some change and threw papers all over the truck.

West Point chapel hosts
its first same-sex wedding

WEST POINT, N.Y. (AP) — Cadet Chapel, the landmark Gothic church that is a center for spiritual life at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, hosted its first same-sex wedding Saturday.

Penelope Gnesin and Brenda Sue Fulton, a West Point graduate, exchanged vows in the regal church in an afternoon ceremony, attended by about 250 guests and conducted by a senior Army chaplain.

The two have been together for 17 years. They had a civil commitment ceremony that didn't carry any legal force in 1999 and had long hoped to formally tie the knot. The way was cleared last year, when New York legalized same-sex marriage and President Barack Obama lifted the "Don't ask, don't tell" policy prohibiting openly gay people from serving in the military.

The brides both live in New Jersey and would have preferred to have the wedding there, but the state doesn't

allow gay marriage.

"We just couldn't wait any longer," Fulton told The Associated Press.

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POLICE

SALEM REPORTS

— Police were called at 3:38 a.m. Saturday to the Walmart parking lot, East State Street, for a domestic in progress. The male half of the incident was still in the parking lot when police arrived and said he and his girlfriend had a physical altercation and she threw an object, striking him under his left eye. The female was located on Superior Avenue and said her boyfriend struck her. Officers did not see any marks on her. Neither one of them wanted to file charges.

— Police responded to the 500 block of East Fourth Street at 11:18 p.m. Friday for a fight and found a victim who suffered serious superficial injuries to his face. Fire department first responders and EMT Ambulance responded and the man was taken to Salem Community Hospital. Officers spoke to witnesses who identified the other person involved, who had allegedly been found trespassing in the basement of a residence. After leaving, he believed he was being chased and somehow got into a physical altercation with the man who was returning home after walking to a nearby store. The other person admitted to being in the fight. Charges were pending further investigation.

— An anonymous caller reported a person with a knife in the 1000 block of East Sixth Street at 10:35 p.m. Friday. Police spoke with the alleged suspect and found no knife or any type of disturbance.

— A woman in the 400 block of West State Street reported at 8:58 p.m. Friday that her daughter was being unruly and causing a disturbance. The daughter said she was getting ready for a school project and her mom did not let her go after being told what it was for. The mother was advised of her options and the daughter agreed to go to her room and do her project the next day.

— Possible shots fired were reported at 8:04 p.m. Friday in the area of South Madison Avenue and Maple Street. Officers checked the area for several minutes and did not see or hear anything.

— Sue Smith, 59, of Salem-Unity Road, was cited for assured clear distance after her eastbound vehicle struck the rear of an eastbound vehicle driven by Terry Ramsey, 36, of Columbia Street, who was stopped for a red traffic signal in the eastbound lane of East State Street at South Lincoln Avenue at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

— Police were called at 6:58 p.m. Friday to check the welfare of an Oak Street resident. An officer checked on the elderly female who appeared somewhat confused at times, but knew her surroundings. She was told to contact her family members.

— Police were called at 6:55 p.m. Friday to the 500 block of East Pershing Street for unruly juveniles. An employee was told about the complaint and said he would take care of the problem.

— A woman in the 400 block of Franklin Street called at 6:54 p.m. Friday regarding a neighbor dispute, reporting she was concerned about the neighbors who moved into the apartment above hers. She was told her options.

— A breaking and entering was reported at 6:50 p.m. Friday in the 500 block of Franklin Street. Officers found the back door wide open and it appeared entry was forced. No one was found inside. The owner was contacted and came home, but said nothing appeared to be missing.

— A suspicious man in a green hoodie with a red beard was reported at 4:41 p.m. Friday in the 1700 block of South Lincoln Avenue. He was found at the rear of Quaker Cars and said he was waiting for a friend to get a ride home.

— Mary K. Booth, of the 100 block of South Howard Avenue, reported at 4:36 p.m. Friday that someone forced entry into her residence, causing damage to the door. Some DVD movies were missing.

— A woman called at 4:10 p.m. Friday to report a reckless driver in the 600 block of West Seventh Street, with her son saying a known juvenile female drove through their yard. No damage was done to the yard. Officers tried to make contact but were unsuccessful. The case is still under investigation.

Trained Navy dolphins
losing out to robots

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Some dolphins used by the Navy to track down mines will soon lose their jobs to robots — but they'll be reassigned, not retired.

Starting in 2017, 24 of the Navy's 80 military-trained dolphins will be replaced by a 12-foot unmanned torpedo-shaped vehicle, according to UT San Diego (<http://bit.ly/VbJkAo>).

The military said the machines can do some of the same mine-hunting duties as the sea creatures. And they can be manufactured quickly, unlike the seven years it takes to train a dolphin.

But the dolphins won't be relieved of duty. They'll be used along with sea lions for port security and retrieving objects from the sea floor, the newspaper reported.

The Navy's \$28 million marine-mammal program dates back to the late 1950s and once included killer whales and sharks. Based in San Diego, it currently uses 80 bottle-nosed dolphins and 40 California sea lions.

In recent years, dolphins have been deployed to Iraq and Bahrain to patrol for enemy divers and mark the locations of mines.

Using their innate sonar, the mammals find and mark mines in shallow water, in deep water when tethers are used, and on the bottom where sediment cover and plant growth can hide the devices.

Dolphins are carried aboard Navy ships in large movable pools, about 20 feet in diameter. Dolphins traveled on the amphibious ship Gunston Hall in 2003 for the Iraq war.

Most of the Navy's dolphins and sea lions are housed at Point Loma Naval Base, in pools sectioned off from the bay. Others guard Navy submarine bases in Georgia and Washington state, according to UT San Diego.

The military is responsible for the mammals' care throughout their lives, even after they're retired from active duty. Sometimes Navy dolphins are loaned to animal parks, such as Sea World, later in life.

Search continues for
worker in coal slurry pond

SHINNSTON, W.Va. (AP) — Rescue crews continued to search Saturday for a bulldozer operator who plummeted into a West Virginia coal slurry pond when an embankment collapsed.

The bulldozer and two pickup trucks slid into the Nolans Run impoundment of Consol Energy's Robinson Run mine shortly after noon Friday. Two engineers who tumbled into the water were promptly rescued. They were treated at hospitals and released.

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Lynn Seay, spokeswoman for Pennsylvania-based Consol, said the search for the missing worker was suspended at midnight and resumed Saturday.

Crews were draining the pond, which was 12 feet deep, and sonar equipment was brought in to help divers and other rescue personnel who were searching for the missing person. Seay said the embankment remained unstable and continued to shift, creating difficult conditions for the search.

The Robinson Run mine was idled while the search was under way.

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board for failing to name a permanent replacement to the EMA director position, especially after rejecting the finalists recommended for the job by the interview committee created by commissioners.

Halleck said the entire situation will likely be addressed in January. He has indicated before he might recommend Dillard for the job on a permanent basis.

As for Elliott, Halleck said she came well recommended for the job. She is the wife of courthouse maintenance man Jeff Elliott and will be paid \$11.50 an hour.

PIPE
FROM 1A

pressure can be no greater than 125 psi but the OPSB does not have jurisdiction over gathering lines or liquid lines.

An 11-member board has seven voting members including the heads of the ODNR, PUCO, the Department of Agriculture, state EPA, the Development Services Agency, Department of Health and a public member, an engineer appointed by the governor.

What all this means is that by the time a line is in the ground, it's been pretty well documented.

For more information about the PUCO and its role in pipeline safety, visit www.puco.ohio.gov.

For more information on the Utica Shale play and the ODNR Oil & Gas Division may be found at: <http://www.ohiodnr.com>.

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BIDS
FROM 1A

if the local limits for phosphorous levels weren't approved yet. The local limit justification had been sent by the city to the OEPA in March 2010 to set the level of phosphorous permitted to come into the system for treatment. The OEPA has yet to approve that level.

The issue began when the OEPA issued a renewal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit to the city in 2002 that put a limit on the level of phosphorous the city could discharge into the Middle Fork of Beaver Creek. The city appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, but ERAC upheld the decision of the OEPA. The ruling was appealed again, sent back to ERAC, and ended up in court again.

According to Utilities Superintendent Don Weingart, there's a long history regarding phosphorous limits. The city used to remove phosphorous and had a phosphorous limit, but it was determined the level wasn't that high and then there was no limit set. Then the city was told a phosphorous limit had to be set.

Goll said the city would have had no need to update the plant but for the phosphorous issue, noting there was no issue with the plant's capacity.

Since the city might be subject to fines in the consent decree for permit violations, he's indicated previously that he wants the wastewater treatment plant upgrade cost credited against any fines.

The cost of the Phase I improvement is estimated to cost \$2.8 million.

Mary Ann Greier can be reached at mgreier@salemnews.net

USS Enterprise carrier
taken out of active service

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The world's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier was retired from active service on Saturday, temporarily reducing the number of carriers in the U.S. fleet to 10 until 2015.

The USS Enterprise ended its notable 51-year career during a ceremony at its home port at Naval Station Norfolk, where thousands of former crew members, ship builders and their families lined a pier to bid farewell to one of the most decorated ships in the Navy.

"It'll be a special memory. The tour yesterday was a highlight of the last 20 years of my life. I've missed the Enterprise since every day I walked off of it," said Kirk McDonnell, a former interior communications electrician aboard the ship from 1983 to 1987 who now lives in Highmore, S.D. The Enterprise was the largest ship in the world at the time it was built, earning the nickname "Big E." It didn't have to carry conventional fuel tanks for propulsion, allowing it to carry twice as much aircraft fuel and ordnance than conventional carriers at the time.

Using nuclear reactors also allowed the ship to set speed records and stay out to sea during a deployment without ever having to refuel, one of the times ships are most vulnerable to attack.

"Nuclear propulsion changed everything," said Adm. John Richardson, director of Naval Reactors.

Every other aircraft carrier in the U.S. fleet is now nuclear powered, although they only have two nuclear reactors each compared to the Enterprise's eight. The Enterprise was the only carrier of its class ever built.

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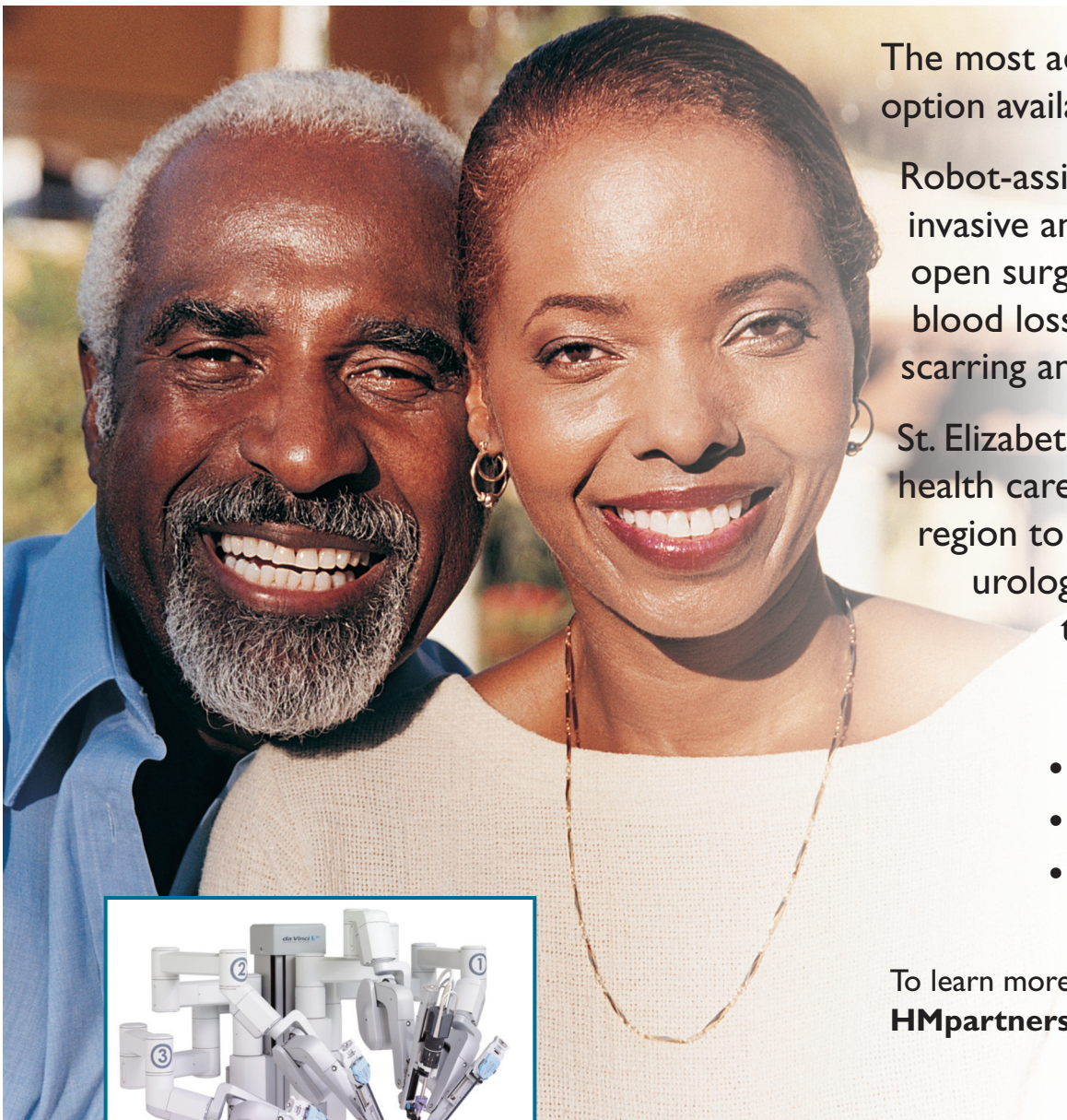
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Shown are glimpses from the annual Christmas parade held Saturday in downtown Salem. A good turnout of spectators watched on a weather-friendly day. The parade was co-sponsored by the Salem News and the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce. More photos appear on page 6A. (Salem News photos by J.D.Creer)



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SUN/2 COLUMBIANA
Haystack breakfast, 8-11 a.m., 40/8 Chateau, 44688 state Route 14, \$5; carryouts available.

EAST LIVERPOOL
Tours of the 1790-1820 pine decorated cabins in the Village at Beaver Creek State Park, noon-5 p.m., 12021 Echo Dell Road.

LEETONIA
Longaberger bingo, 1 p.m., St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 167 Main St. Doors open noon. Advance tickets, 330-831-5578.

NEGLEY
Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Middleton Township Fish and Game Club, 50501 Richardson Ave., \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 12 and under; 330-227-9909.

ROGERS
Country music jam, 6-9 p.m., dining room, Rogers Community Auction.

SALEM
Sons of AMVETS Post 45, breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon, post home, 750 S. Broadway Ave.

The 51st annual choir festival, 3 p.m., Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.

SEBRING
Freshly-made doughnuts, 10 a.m., St. Ann's Church, 323 S. 15th St.; \$6 per dozen.

MON/3 BEAVER TOWNSHIP
South Range Local Board of Education, special executive session, 7 p.m., high school conference room, 11300 Columbiana-Canfield Road, Canfield.

COLUMBIANA
TOPS 720, Presbyterian Church, weigh-ins 9-9:35 a.m.; 330-482-5946.

EAST PALESTINE
East Palestine City School District Board of Education, meeting, 6 p.m., EPES media center.

ELKTON
Elkrun Township Tourism Bureau, meeting, 4:30 p.m., township administration building on state Route 154.

LISBON
Al-Anon meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

Alateen meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Fleming House, 7300 Rose Drive.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Goshen High School Class of 1958, lunch, noon, Skyline Diner on Route 45.

R-Weigh weight groups, 1 and 5 p.m. meetings, Faith Chapel; 330-332-1078.

Emotions Anonymous, 2-3 p.m., Dunkin Donuts, West State Street; 330-332-1045.

... ON THE Calendar
Banquet in Salem, 5-7 p.m., Memorial Building; baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, potato soup, fresh vegetables and fruit, mandarin orange cake, pumpkin squares.

TOPS 1380, 6:15 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.; 330-332-2152.

Salem City Board of Zoning Appeals, meeting, 7 p.m., Salem City Hall.

TUE/4 ALLIANCE
Aglow Light House meeting, 10 a.m., Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, 374 Homeworth Road. Guest speaker is Michael Kelley; \$3.

COLUMBIANA
Stories, songs and a visit from Santa Claus, 6:30 p.m., for children ages 2-6 and their families, Columbiana Public Library.

GREENFORD
United Quilt Guild, buffet, 6:30 p.m., Smokehouse in Greenford; bring items for United Local's Needs Cupboard program.

HANOVERTON
United High School Class of 1949, lunch, noon, Smokehouse in Greenford.

LEETONIA
Veterans Outpost and Home Front (family) support meetings, 7 p.m., Point Man's of Leetonia, 116 1/2 Oak St.; 800-877-8387.

Leetonia High School Class of 1951, breakfast, 9 a.m., Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Polar Express, 6 p.m., Leetonia Community Public Library; children of all ages.

LISBON
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fleming House behind McDonald's; 330-337-0940.

Columbiana County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, 27 Vista Drive, 6 p.m.. Operations Committee meeting.

SALEM
Rotary Club, lunch, 11:45 a.m., Salem Community Center.

Food distribution, 5-7:30 p.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Salem Downtown Technical Advisory Committee meeting, 6 p.m., Salem Golf Club.

Salem Lions Club, 6 p.m., Memorial Building (second floor).

Salem Jubilee Chorus practice. Male singers wanted, 7-8:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 244 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-337-6682.

Salem Community Theatre, auditions for "Game Show," 7 p.m.;

330-332-9688 or salemcommunitytheatre.org.

Finance Committee of city council meeting, 5:30 p.m., city hall council chambers, regarding 2013 budget.

City Council meeting, 7 p.m., city hall council chambers.

WED/5 CANFIELD
Mahoning County Career and Technical Center's holiday wine and appetizer tasting, 6-9 p.m., McMahon Hall, Mill Creek MetroParks Farm. Registration, \$45; 330-729-4100.

HANOVERTON
United Local High School Class of 1963, lunch, noon, Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Santa Shop/Craft Show, 3-7 p.m., United Local School, Blue BC building.

LEETONIA
Leetonia High School Class of 1949, lunch, noon, Smokehouse restaurant.

Book discussion, David Baldacci's "Christmas Train," 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Toddler playgroup, 10 a.m., Leetonia Community Public Library.

Leetonia Zoning Committee, 6 p.m., Village Hall.

Leetonia Village Council, 7 p.m., Village Hall.

LISBON
Salem Area Singles, meeting, 6 p.m., Pondi's restaurant.

SALEM
Salem High School Class of 1951, breakfast, 9 a.m., Skyline Diner.

TOPS 777, weigh-ins 5:30-6:15 p.m., meeting 6:20 p.m., Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 251 S. Broadway Ave.; 330-332-1280.

Salem Community Theatre, auditions for "Game Show," 7 p.m.; 330-332-9688 or salemcommunitytheatre.org.

Adult Children of Alcoholics (Al-Anon), 7:30 p.m., Episcopal Church; 330-831-4983 or 330-332-8233 after 6 p.m.

SEBRING
Al-Anon meetings, Pine Lake Christian Church, 636 Pine Lake Road. Beginner's meeting, 6:30 p.m.; regular meeting, 7 p.m.

WASHINGTONVILLE
Homemade "Soup to Go" in quarts, Robbins United Methodist Church, 100 High St.; \$6; drive-thru open 4 to 6 p.m., 330-427-2035.

THU/6 COLUMBIANA
"Senior Night," 6-9 p.m., Joy of Christmas light display, Firestone Park; admission \$5 if you have a senior citizen (55 and older) in your vehicle; 330-482-3822.

Program by photo expert Andy "A.J." Boyd, Columbiana Public Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration required, 330-482-5509.

DAMASCUS
TOPS Chapter 1329, 9 a.m., Damascus United Methodist Church; 330-525-7785.

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
Trustees, regular meeting, 7 p.m., township government building, Fairfield School Road.

LISBON
David Anderson High School Class of 1946 and 1947, lunch, 11:30 a.m., Taste of Country.

SALEM
Deadline to purchase tickets for the Salem Community Hospital Auxiliary's Trim-a-Tree Chinese Auction. Tickets, \$1 each or six for \$5, in the cafeteria weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4:15-6:45 p.m.

TOPS 1598, 9:50 a.m., First United Methodist Church. Weigh-ins, 8:45-9:30 a.m.; 330-

332-1127. Handicap accessible. Salem High School Class of 1942, breakfast, 9 a.m., Adele's Place.

Salem Kiwanis Club, meeting/lunch, noon, Century House, East State Street. Also tour of facilities.

Salem Community Hospital Auxiliary's Christmas brunch, 9:30 a.m., Salem Community Center. Christmas Chorale program directed by Attila Samu.

Loyal Christian Benefit Association Branch 654, Christmas party, 7 p.m., St. Paul School gym.

Salem Area Amateur Radio Association, monthly meeting, 6 p.m., home of Ginger Grilli, 1530 E. State St.; 330-337-7225 or 330-853-7050.

Salem High School Class of 1972, reunion committee dinner, 6 p.m., BB Rooners.

Overeaters Anonymous, 6 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-853-9311.

Salem Community Hospital Charitable Foundation's Giving Tree, holiday illumination, 7 p.m. To donate call 330-337-2883 or visit www.salemhosp.com and select the "donations" tab.

Salem Bird Study Club, meeting, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church; use rear entrance.

Members and friends of The Salem Preservation Society, Christmas Party, Ricky's English Pub. 151 E. State St., 7 p.m. Short business meeting

WINONA
Winona Area Historical Society meeting, 6:30 p.m., Winona Friends Meeting House on Winona Road.

FRI/7 ALLIANCE
Christmas dinner and dance, Alliance Area Senior Center, 602 W. Vine St., 6-10 p.m., featuring

the Rex Taneri Orchestra; \$13 dinner and dance; \$7 dance only; advance tickets only, 330-821-3348.

COLUMBIANA
Columbiana Womens Club Christmas Brunch and House Tour, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., 121 N. Main St.; \$15.

SALEM
Food distribution, 9-11:30 a.m., Salem Community Pantry, 794 E. Third St.

Bingo, 6:45 p.m., Salem Little Quakers Hall, 1688 S. Lincoln Ave.

Addiction recovery, open meeting, 7 p.m., Faith Chapel, 511 E. Pershing St.; 330-823-8573.

SAT/8 CANFIELD
Christmas Cookie Walk and cookbook sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Calla Community Church, 6482 W. Calla Road. Cookies, \$4.50 per dozen.

COLUMBIANA
Columbiana High School cheer-leading's pancake breakfast, 9 a.m.-noon, Firestone Park pavilion one. Tickets, 330-692-8287.

Columbiana High School Class of 1961, breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Skyline Diner in Salem.

Columbiana Womens Club Christmas Brunch and House Tour, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m., 121 N. Main St.; \$15.

DAMASCUS
"Christmas Home and Craft Show and Bake Sale," 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Damascus United Methodist Church, 300 Valley Road. Homemade soup, sandwiches and desserts, noon-3 p.m. at the lunch counter. Free "make and take" craft, noon-4 p.m. Vendor information, 330-257-5288 or 330-332-5145.

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Christmas parade scenes
Above photo, the KSU Salem mascot rode high atop a truck and in front of Santa Claus Saturday during the annual Christmas Parade through downtown Salem. Among the participants, right, were Donald and Daisy Duck. (Salem News photos by Ashley Grace)



ACROSS OHIO

Sheriff finds piles of suspected stolen items

RIDGEWAY (AP) — A stash of suspected stolen electronics, vehicles, and power tools found at a remote north-central Ohio farm in buildings and buried in the ground has been linked to theft ring that operated across the state, authorities said.

So far, authorities in Hardin County have filled four big trucks with all of the items recovered, including bicycles, boat trailers, motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles. Some of the items found since Wednesday have been linked to burglaries in Logan, Union Franklin, Marion and Shelby counties and the Cincinnati area. “I’ve never seen anything like it,” Hardin County Sheriff Keith Everhart told The Columbus Dispatch.

A traffic stop of a suspicious vehicle on Monday led to searches at three properties and the arrests of three people, Everhart said.

Deputy sheriffs with assault rifles on Wednesday stormed an eight-acre site in Hardin County that sits near several Amish farms. Using earth-movers borrowed from a local excavating company, they were finding some items in the ground while others were in an old farmhouse and surrounding buildings.

By Friday night, authorities had filled two flatbed trailers, a semi-trailer and a car hauler with what they believe are hundreds of thousands of dollars of stolen goods. They had found a log-splitter, dune buggy, stolen guns, chainsaws, and kerosene heaters. Three men have been charged with receiving stolen property, including the son of two people who own the property. Authorities expect more charges to be filed. Dan Freeman, who lives next door, said he’s long thought that the junk piling up everywhere was stolen. He said most people around there has had a break-in. “Maybe now the trouble will end and the mess will disappear,” he said. A farmer from neighboring Logan County who heard about the raid and on Friday gave the sheriff a list of all that he’s been missing from his barns.

Police chief wants probe of deadly chase

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland’s police chief says he’ll ask the U.S. attorney’s office and the FBI to help look into a 5-mile chase that involved dozens of police cars and ended with two people dead.

Police chief Michael McGrath says city leaders want more answers about what happened and whether department policy was followed in the 20-minute chase during which officers fired 137 rounds. The Plain Dealer reported Saturday that police say the chase began because two people shot at a police officer in downtown Cleveland Thursday night. The chase then went through two suburbs before officers shot and killed the two suspects near a school. Authorities say investigators did not find a gun inside the suspects’ car when their bodies were from the car Friday evening.

Money collected to save towering flagpole

RAVENNA (AP) — A preservationist group in northeast Ohio says it has raised more than \$70,000 to help save a 120-year-old flagpole that’s in need of repairs and is seen by some as a hazard.

The 150-foot lattice and pole structure in front of the Portage County Courthouse in Ravenna resembles a broadcast antennae and needs repairs estimated at potentially more than \$200,000. The Record-Courier newspaper reports a group called Friends of the Flagpole hopes to raise \$150,000. About \$118,000 of that would go toward refurbishing the structure, and the rest would be for improvements such as lighting. Township Trustee Patsy Artz says the plan is to fix it up, even if it takes a year to do it.

Safe bet at casino? Some will cheat

CINCINNATI (AP) — One of the safest bets at a new casino set to open in Cincinnati this spring is that cheaters will be among the gamblers, targeting dealers who have only dealt cards in a training room.

But there also will be hundreds of surveillance cameras, pit bosses with years of experience and about a dozen agents with the Ohio Casino Control Commission all working to spot and stop cheating.

Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati will be the last of four voter-approved casinos to open in the state, all in less than 12 months. Casinos in Cleveland, Toledo and Columbus have already opened.

Since then, the commission says more than 60 people have been charged with cheating, or about 10 each month since the first casino opened in Cleveland.

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Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Byron Leftwich breaks loose on his way to the end zone for a touchdown Sunday, Nov. 18, in Pittsburgh. (AP Photo)

Steelers, Ravens meet again

Second matchup has plenty on the line for both teams

OWINGS MILLS, Md. (AP) — All the Baltimore Ravens have to do to clinch a fifth straight trip to the playoffs is beat a struggling team that's lost two straight and has serious issues at quarterback.

It would be a perfect scenario for the Ravens except for one glaring detail: Their opponent Sunday is the Pittsburgh Steelers.

“Put the records aside, put everything aside. It's still the Pittsburgh Steelers,” Baltimore running back Ray Rice said. “Every year, the rivalry never changes. They are who they are. We are, obviously, trying to do what they've done, and they've won multiple Super Bowls. You can't just call it another game.”

It's never just another tussle when the Steelers and Ravens clash. Six of the last seven regular season games in this fierce divisional rivalry have been decided by exactly three points, including a gritty duel just two weeks ago when Baltimore got the best of backup quarterback Byron Leftwich in a 13-10 victory at Pittsburgh.

In the rematch, the Ravens (9-2) can earn a playoff berth with a win. If Baltimore wins and Cincinnati loses at San Diego, the Ravens will be AFC North champions for a second straight season.

“We know what the bigger picture is, the overall goal, and we can't be satisfied with anything so early in the season,” linebacker Terrell Suggs said. “The end goal, everybody knows, is in February.”

Baltimore earned a No. 2 seed last year and lost on the road in the AFC title game. The goal this year is to stay at home until the Super Bowl.

“We're not in any more of a comfortable situation,” quarterback Joe Flacco said. “The more games we win, the more important all these games become just because we've positioned ourselves well but haven't decided anything yet. The stakes are

See STEELERS, 5B

Browns, Raiders undergo changes

14 months after last meeting, teams overhaul

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — If change is truly the one constant in the modern NFL, the Cleveland Browns and Oakland Raiders just might be the epitome of it.

Less than 14 months after their last meeting, the long-time AFC rivals have each undergone their own kind of overhaul heading into Sunday's meeting in Oakland.

The Raiders (3-8) have revamped their entire organization since that contest last October in the first home

game since the death of longtime owner and architect Al Davis. From the front office to the coaching staff to the on-field product, little is the same other than the familiar silver and black uniforms these days in Oakland.

While the bulk of the Raiders changes went on during last offseason, the Browns (3-8) have been doing it on the fly this season after being bought by Jimmy Haslam for \$1.05 billion in a deal that was final-

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Cleveland Browns head coach Pat Shurmur, center, hunches watches play in the second against the Dallas Cowboys, Sunday, Nov. 18, in Arlington, Texas. (AP Photo)

► NCAA BASKETBALL — OHIO STATE REBOUNDS FROM DUKE LOSS

Buckeyes roll

Ross nets 22 as Ohio State gets back on winning track with 70-43 route



Ohio State's LaQuinton Ross, left, drives to the basket against Northern Kentucky's Eshaunte Jones during the first half Saturday, Dec. 1, in Columbus. The Buckeyes topped Northern Kentucky 70-43. (AP Photo)

COLUMBUS (AP) — Mission half accomplished.

Yes, the Ohio State Buckeyes put the loss to Duke behind them. At the same time, coach Thad Matta knows his team has to make a lot of headway before beginning play in the rough Big Ten.

LaQuinton Ross scored a career-high 22 points to lead the cold-shooting, fourth-

ranked Buckeyes to a 70-43 victory over Northern Kentucky on Saturday.

“The number one thing I wanted to see is if we would get up off the mat and have a little fight to us,” he said of the Buckeyes bouncing back from Wednesday night's loss at Cameron Indoor against the second-ranked Blue Devils. “I don't think we were as effective that way as I wanted to be.”

The Buckeyes, who blew a second-half lead to fall 73-

68 at Duke in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, didn't shoot well again against the Norse.

“Our whole motto, really since Thursday morning, was that we had gotten punched in the mouth,” said starting wing Sam Thompson, who scored 10 points Saturday. “Coach Matta was really big these past few days on seeing how we would respond. He definitely wanted to see a toughness element out of us, see us play hard, and he wanted to see us

leave the Duke game in the past.”

That loss might be forgotten but some concerns of Ohio State (5-1) from that game still linger.

The Buckeyes shot just 38 percent from the field against Northern Kentucky (0-5) after making 32.3 percent of their shots against Duke. They again got little production out of their big men, barely outrebounding (43-41) a smaller, less sea-

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► NBA



Cleveland Cavaliers' Anderson Varejao grabs a rebound ahead of Portland Trail Blazers' Meyers Leonard in the second quarter Saturday night in Cleveland. (AP Photo)

Cavs fall in double Overtime

Batum's 3-pointer downs Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP) — Nicolas Batum's 3-pointer with 0.2 seconds left in the second over-

time gave the Portland Trail Blazers a 118-117 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Saturday night.

Trailing 117-115 with 2:5 seconds remaining, Portland called timeout and in-bounded near midcourt. Damian Lillard passed to Batum, who hit a fadeaway jumper from the right corner in front of Cleveland's bench. With time only for a tip-in attempt, the Cavaliers couldn't get a shot off before time expired.

Lillard led Portland with 24 points while Batum added 22. Alonzo Gee paced the Cavaliers with 22 points, but missed a free throw that would have given them a three-point lead before Batum's shot.

Anderson Varejao had 19 points and 17 rebounds for his eighth straight double-double.

Portland put five players in double figures and improved to 1-4 on its seven-game eastern road trip.

Cleveland, which placed seven players in double figures, has lost 11 of 13.

The first overtime began with the scored tied at 91 and featured five lead changes and three ties. An apparent game-winning basket by Batum was disallowed

See CAVS, 4B

► TOP 25 ROUNDUP



Alabama players, from left, Nick Perry, Jeremy Shelley, and Carson Tinker celebrate after their 32-28 win in the SEC championship game against Georgia Saturday in Atlanta. (AP Photo)

BCS title matchup set

Oklahoma escapes TCU, Florida State wins

ATLANTA (AP) — Alabama is heading back to the national championship game — by a mere 4 yards.

AJ McCarron threw a 45-yard touchdown pass to Amari Cooper with 3:15 remaining, and the No. 2 Crimson Tide barely held off No. 3 Georgia 32-28 in a Southeastern Conference title game for the ages Saturday.

After an apparent game-

clinging interception by Alabama was overturned after looking at the replay, Georgia's Aaron Murray completed a 15-yard pass to Arthur Lynch, a 23-yarder to Tavarres King and a 26-yarder to Lynch, who was hauled down at the Alabama 8 as the clock continued to run.

The Bulldogs were out of

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GOLF

7:30 a.m.

TGC — Sunshine Tour, Nedbank Challenge, final round, at Sun City, South Africa (same-day tape)

1 p.m.

TGC — World Challenge, final round, at Thousand Oaks, Calif.

3 p.m.

NBC — World Challenge, final round, at Thousand Oaks, Calif.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

12:15 p.m.

FSN — Manhattan vs. George Washington, at Washington

2:45 p.m.

FSN — Maryland vs. George Mason, at Washington

NFL

1 p.m.

CBS — Regional coverage, doubleheader

FOX — Regional coverage

4 p.m.

FOX — Regional coverage

4:25 p.m.

CBS — Regional coverage, doubleheader game

8:20 p.m.

NBC — Philadelphia at Dallas

2DAYINSPORTS

Dec. 2

1944 — Ohio State quarterback Leslie Horvath wins the Heisman Trophy.

1947 — Notre Dame quarterback Johnny Lujack captures Heisman Trophy.

1993 — The Houston Rockets tie the NBA record for the best start to a season, improving to 15-0 with a 94-85 victory over the New York Knicks. The Rockets matched the start of the 1948-49 Washington Capitols.

1995 — Notre Dame advances to the NCAA women's soccer championship by becoming the first team to beat 13-time champion North Carolina in the national semifinals. The lone score comes when Tar Heels forward Cindy Parlow heads a ball into her own net.

2002 — Oakland's Tim Brown and Jerry Rice take turns rewriting the NFL record book in a 26-20 win over the New York Jets. Brown becomes the third player with 1,000 receptions and the third with 14,000 yards receiving. Gannon captures an NFL record with his ninth 300-yard passing game of the season. On the very next play after Brown's 1,000th catch, Rice scores on a 26-yard catch, giving Oakland a 13-10 lead. It's Rice's record 192nd TD catch and puts him over 1,000 yards receiving for a record 14th season.

2006 — Chase Holbrook of New Mexico State passes for 514 yards and three touchdowns and runs for another score in the Aggies' 50-23 win over Louisiana Tech. Holbrook's 4,619 passing yards and 4,541 total offensive yards for the season set NCAA records for a sophomore.

2009 — The New Jersey Nets are pounded into NBA infamy, falling 117-101 to the Dallas Mavericks for their 18th straight loss to start the season. The Nets pass the 1988-89 Miami Heat and 1999 Los Angeles Clippers, who both dropped their first 17 games.

► NFL

Police: Chiefs' Belcher kills girlfriend, self

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher killed his girlfriend Saturday morning and minutes later, holding a gun to his head, thanked his general manager and coach before shooting himself outside the team's practice complex.

Authorities did not release a motive for the murder-suicide, though police said that Belcher and his girlfriend, 22-year-old Kasandra M. Perkins, had been arguing recently. The two of them have a 3-month-old girl who was being cared for by family.

Belcher thanked general manager Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel before pulling the trigger, police spokesman Darin Snapp said. Officers had locked down the Chiefs facility by midmorning.

The team said it would play its home game against the Carolina Panthers as scheduled on Sunday at noon local time "after discussions between the league office, Head Coach Romeo Crennel and Chiefs team captains."

A spokesman for the team told The Associated Press that Crennel plans to coach on Sunday.

Belcher was a 25-year-old native of West Babylon, N.Y., on Long Island, who played college ball at Maine. He signed with the Chiefs as



Kansas City Chiefs inside linebacker Jovan Belcher gestures at the line of scrimmage against the San Diego Chargers in Kansas City, Mo on Sept. 30. Police say Belcher fatally shot his girlfriend early Saturday, Dec. 1, 2012, in Kansas City, Mo., then drove to Arrowhead Stadium and committed suicide in front of his coach and general manager. (AP Photo)

an undrafted free agent, made the team and stayed with it for four years, moving into the starting lineup. He had played in all 11 games this season.

"The entire Chiefs family is deeply saddened by today's events, and our collective hearts are heavy with sympathy, thoughts and prayers for the families and friends affected by this unthinkable tragedy," Chiefs chairman Clark Hunt said in

a statement.

"We sincerely appreciate the expressions of sympathy and support we have received from so many in the Kansas City and NFL communities, and ask for continued prayers for the loved ones of those impacted," Hunt said. "We will continue to fully cooperate with the authorities and work to ensure that the appropriate counseling resources are available to all members of

the organization."

The NFL released a statement that also expressed sympathy and said, "We have connected the Chiefs with our national team of professional counselors to support both the team and the families of those affected. We will continue to provide assistance in any way that we can."

Authorities reported receiving a call Saturday

morning from a woman who said her daughter had been shot multiple times at a residence about five miles from the Arrowhead Stadium complex. The call came from Belcher's mother, who referred to the victim as her daughter, leading to some initial confusion.

"She treated Kasandra like a daughter," Snapp said. Belcher's mother, who is from New York, had recently moved in with the couple, "probably to help out with the baby," Snapp said.

Police then received a phone call from the Chiefs' training facility.

"The description matched the suspect description from that other address. We kind of knew what we were dealing with," Snapp said. The player was "holding a gun to his head" as he stood in front of the front doors of the practice facility.

"And there were Pioli and Crennel and another coach or employee was standing outside and appeared to be talking to him. It appeared they were talking to the suspect," Snapp said. "The suspect began to walk in the opposite direction of the coaches and the officers and that's when they heard the gunshot. It appears he took his own life."

The coaches told police they never felt in any danger, Snapp said.

► NCAA BASKETBALL

Lady Quakers get first win of young season

ALLIANCE — The Salem Lady Quakers notched their first win of the season over Alliance on Saturday afternoon with a 45-15 win on the road.

Salem (1-2) took the lead in the first quarter and didn't let up.

Three Lady Quakers reached double figures on the afternoon. Tori Jones and Lindsey Foster each scored ten points while Megan Lehwald added 11. Foster also led the Lady Quakers in rebounds with nine.

Julia Dundon added five assists and four steals for the Lady Quakers. Ciera Trybend added six rebounds.

The Lady Quakers rode a strong defensive performance on the way to the victory, holding Alliance to just 15 points for the game and not allowing them to score more than five in a quarter.

"I was happy that eight of the ten scored tonight. The scoring was very balanced," Salem head coach Renee Farina said. "We played as a team, and we really focused on defense, only giving up 15 points all game. Our goal was to hold them under 20 and we accomplished that goal."

Salem hosts Youngstown Cardinal Mooney in their first home game of the season on Monday.



ALLIANCE: 3 4 3 5 — 15

SALEM: 10 23 9 3 — 45

ALLIANCE SCORING: Emily Retterer 1-0-2, Katelyn Daniels 2-0-4, Rose Mancini 0-3-3, Cheyenne Phillips 0-0-0, Camri Vance 0-0-0, Tiara Mays 0-0-0, Andrea McBride 0-0-0, Katrease McElroy 1-0-2, Braxton Harris 0-2-2, Shania Mays 1-0-2, Jazzlynn Mason 0-0-0, Shaveanna Edwards 0-0-0.

TEAM TOTALS: 5, 5-10, 15.

SALEM SCORING: Rylee Meals 0-0-0, Tori Jones 4-0-10, Megan Lehwald 4-3-11, Reagan Meals 1-2-4, Julia Dundon 1-0-2, Olivia Stiff 1-0-2, Ciera Trybend 1-0-2, Lindsey Foster 4-2-10, Katherine Stiff 2-0-4.

TEAM TOTALS: 18, 7-11, 45.

THREE POINTERS: Salem 1 (Jones, Bishop, Anderson).

United 47, St. Thomas 40

LOUISVILLE — United topped St. Thomas 47-40 on Saturday afternoon in girls basketball action to improve their record to 3-0. Three members of the United squad reached double figures as Emily Zehentbauer, MacKenzie Gatchel and Cassidy Yoder each recorded ten points.

The Golden Eagles were down by one after the first quarter but battled back to tie the score by halftime. United then went on a 9-6 run in the third and outscored St. Thomas 14-10 in the fourth to close out the win.

Rachel Hiestand and Nicole Newman paced St.

Thomas with 12 points each.

In the jayvee game, United won 40-14. Kenzie Firth led the Eagles with nine points. United opens league play on Thursday when they travel to Lisbon

UNITED: 10 14 9 14 — 47

ST. THOMAS: 11 13 6 10 — 40

UNITED SCORING: Emily Zehentbauer 1-8-10, Sam Spittler 2-0-4, Allison Parks 1-0-2, MacKenzie Gatchel 4-2-10, Cassidy Yoder 3-4-10, Kenzie Firth 0-2-2, Mollie Phillis 0-3-3, Courtney Hydriick 3-0-6.

TEAM TOTALS: 14, 19-30, 47.

ST. THOMAS SCORING: Rachel Hiestand 5-2-12, Paige Dempsey 0-2-2, Clarissa Jovingo 1-0-2, Sydney Film 0-2-2, Rosa Forchione 2-4-8, Nicole Newman 4-4-12.

TEAM TOTALS: 12, 14-23, 40.

Crestview 54, Youngstown Christian 45

COLUMBIANA — The Crestview Lady Rebels used a 20-point fourth quarter to come from behind and beat Youngstown Christian on Saturday night 54-45. Youngstown Christian claimed a 15-12 lead after one quarter, but was held to just five points in the second frame as Crestview took the lead.

Ashley Harrison scored 26 points to lead the Lady Rebels. Morgan Newbauer added 12, Alexis Marnejon scored six and Tristan Huff and Annie Hardenbrook each scored four.

Hardenbrook and Marnejon each added eight rebounds for Crestview while Newbauer pulled down seven boards.

Toi Brown led Youngstown Christian with 14 points and nine rebounds. Sharell Harris added seven points and Cashia Moyer recorded five.

The Lady Rebels improve to 4-0 on the season and play at Columbiana on Monday.

Crestview also won the jayvee game 27-23. Bri Cope led the Lady Rebels with 12 points while Emma Bailey added eight. Daria Shavers led Youngstown Christian with 12 points.

YOUNGSTOWN CHRIST.: 15 5 16 9 — 45

CRESTVIEW: 12 12 10 20 — 54

YOUNGSTOWN SCORING: Sharell Harris 2-3-7, Natalie Hnelzel 2-0-4, Toi Brown 5-4-14, Cashia Moyer 2-1-5, Allie Klumpp 1-1-3, Kayla Rios 1-0-3, Destinen Synder 1-0-3, Dameanna Armour 1-0-2, Cami Chiconoski 1-2-4, Naomi Patman 0-0-0, Daria Shavers 0-0-0, Paris Yanno 0-0-0, Julia Gavin 0-0-0, Kimberly Gilmore 0-0-0.

TEAM TOTALS: 16, 11-28, 45.

CRESTVIEW SCORING: Bri Cope 0-0-0, Ashley Harrison 6-12-26, Morgan Newbauer 4-4-12, Emilee Chlebus 1-0-2, Savannah Elwonger 0-0-0, Annie Hardenbrook 2-0-4, Tristan Huff 1-2-4, Alexis Marnejon 2-2-6, Dana Drinnon 0-0-0.

TEAM TOTALS: 16, 20-24, 54.

THREE POINTERS: Youngstown Christian 2 (Rios, Snyder), Crestview 2 (Harrison 2).

Leetonia 77, East Palestine 64

LEETONIA - Leetonia fired a warning shot Satur-

day.

Sophomore Trent Ferry had 29 points, eight steals and four assists and Luke Janci had 15 points and seven rebounds in leading Leetonia past East Palestine, 77-64, in the Bearsá season opener.

The Bears led 18-13 in the first quarter and 41-27 at halftime.

For East Palestine, Austen

Reiser totaled 26 points, 16 rebounds and seven rebounds. Billy Bibby added eight points and Nate Keylor dished out eight assists.

Leetonia will play at Lisbon on Tuesday, while East Palestine (0-2) travels to Springfield on Friday.

East Palestine won the reserve game, 47-36, as D.J. Bandy scored 12 points.

E. PALESTINE: 13-14-20-17-64

LEETONIA: 18-23-23-13-77

EAST PALESTINE SCORING: Phil Fusetti 1-0-2, Nate Keylor 1-2-5, Austen Reiser 9-5-26, Billy Bibby 3-0-8, Alec Dumbauld 2-2-6, Steve Parker 1-2-4, Justin Fristik 3-0-7, Zack May-Robb 3-0-6.

TEAM TOTALS: 22, 11-16: 64.

LEETONIA SCORING: Luke Janci 6-0-15, Cody Valentine 3-2-8, Brandon Dattilio 2-1-6, Trent Ferry 10-6-29, Ian Sevenich 1-3-5, Josh Faulkner 1-0-2, Ian Stevek 1-2-4, Zack Van Giesen 2-4-8.

TEAM TOTALS: 27, 18-24: 77.

Three-point goals: East Palestine 7 (Reiser 3, Bibby 2, Keylor, Fristik), Leetonia 7 (Janci 3, Ferry 3, Dattilio).



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timeouts. Instead of spiking the ball and gathering themselves, the Bulldog snapped the ball with 9 seconds to go. Murray threw a pass in the flat to Chris Conley, who slipped down at the 4. Georgia couldn't get off another play. Alabama celebrated as confetti fell from the Georgia Dome room. The Bulldogs collapsed on the field, stunned they had come so close to knocking off the team that has won two of the last three national titles.

The Tide will get a chance to make it three out of four when they face top-ranked Notre Dame for the BCS crown on Jan. 7 in Miami. For the Bulldogs (11-2), the consolation prize will likely be a spot in the Capital One Bowl, though they certainly looked like a team fully deserving of a BCS bid. In a back-and-forth second half that looked nothing like a game in the defensive-minded SEC, the Crimson Tide trailed 21-10 after Alec Ogletree returned a blocked field goal for a touchdown in the third quarter. Alabama rallied behind a punishing run game, finishing with 350 yards on the ground, an SEC championship game record. Eddie Lacy finished with 181 yards on 20 carries, including two TDs. Freshman T.J. Yeldon had 153 yards on 25 carries, also scoring a TD. But the Tide won it through the air. With Georgia stacking the line, McCarron fooled the Bulldogs with play action and delivered a perfectly thrown pass to Cooper, who beat Damian Swann in single coverage.

No. 8 Stanford 27,
No. 17 UCLA 24

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Kevin Hogan has taken Stanford to a place Andrew Luck never could. With the NFL's No. 1 overall draft pick and an elite class of seniors gone, a program that weathered the loss of coach Jim Harbaugh once again faced questions. Stanford coach David Shaw answered every one of them, finding a new clutch quarterback along the way. Hogan threw for 155 yards and a touchdown and ran for 47 yards and another score, helping eighth-ranked Stanford beat No. 17 UCLA 27-24 in the Pac-12 championship game Friday night. The redshirt freshman won game MVP honors while leading the Cardinal to the Rose Bowl for the first time in more than a decade. "Character," said Shaw, the Pac-12 coach of the year in his first two seasons. "Even when we don't play well, we still play hard. Our guys played with such heart. We made plays when we needed to make plays." Hogan's biggest highlight came in the biggest moment of the game. As a defender barreled into him, Hogan hurled a 26-yard tying touchdown pass to Drew Terrell on third-and-15 early in the fourth quarter. Jordan Williamson kicked his second field goal from 36 yards with 6:49 remaining for the go-ahead score, lifting Stanford to its first conference title since the 1999 season. Many of the sparse crowd announced at 31,622 rushed the field. Players, wearing their all-black uniforms, danced on the sideline and later carried roses — or stuck them in their mouths — while parading around as confetti flew from a stage erected on the field. What a way to ring in the post-Luck Era: The Cardinal (11-2) will play the winner of the Big Ten title game between Nebraska and Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

No. 13 Florida St. 21,
Georgia Tech 17

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — James Wilder Jr. ran two touchdowns as No. 13 Florida State held off Georgia Tech 21-15 Saturday night to capture its first Atlantic Coast Conference championship since 2005 and earn a trip to the Orange Bowl. It was Florida State's 13th ACC title. The heavily favored Seminoles (11-2) built a 21-6 lead at the half and held on to win, helping to erase some of the sting from last week's

37-26 loss to their bitter rival, No. 4 Florida. Despite its record, Georgia Tech (6-7) is bowl eligible after receiving a waiver from the NCAA on Thursday. It looked like Georgia Tech, a two-touchdown underdog, might get blown out, but the game wasn't decided until Karlos Williams intercepted Tevin Washington with less than a minute remaining. The Yellow Jackets slowed down the Seminoles in the second half and forced two turnovers by quarterback EJ Manuel to get back in the game. Defensive end Emmanuel Dieke jarred the ball from Manuel's grasp and recovered the loose the fumble in the third quarter.

No. 12 Oklahoma 27,
TCU 17

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — On the field where TCU has had so much success over a dozen seasons with Gary Patterson as coach, it was Oklahoma at the end of the day taking pictures to mark another Big 12 title. The Horned Frogs will have to wait until next season for a chance to finally win a Big 12 home game. Landry Jones threw for 244 yards and two touchdowns and the 12th-ranked Sooners clinched their eighth Big 12 title, and likely another BCS berth, with a 24-17 victory Saturday. The win was finally secure when TCU's fourth-down pass at the goal line in the final minute dropped incomplete. "We had a chance to win the game, simple as that," Patterson said. "They have a good football team, they were playing for a BCS spot. We had them at home, and we didn't do a lot. We got some big plays, but we allowed them short fields." TCU (7-5, 4-5 Big 12), the two-time BCS buster in its first Big 12 season, lost all four of its conference games at home despite winning four on the road. In their last chance, the Frogs twice had one-play scoring drives and were still within a touchdown late after Mike Hunnicut missed a 42-yard field goal attempt for the Sooners (10-2, 8-1). The Frogs then got to the Oklahoma 12. On third-and-10 from there, freshman quarterback Trevone Boykin got in the end zone on a keeper. But the play was called back because of a holding call — an obvious penalty that cleared the way for the score. After throwing Josh Boyce for 7 yards, the Frogs had fourth-and-13 from the 15 when Boykin threw toward Boyce again. But he couldn't make the play between two defenders. "We cannot blame this one anyone. We just have to move on," running back Matthew Tucker said. "OU's defense was good and made plays. We just needed to get more physical with them and we didn't." The Horned Frogs' four-game home losing streak is their longest since five in a row from November 1996 to November 1997. Before this year, they hadn't lost consecutive home games in the same season since 1998.

No. 16 Oregon State 77,
Nicholls State 3

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — Markus Wheaton swears he didn't know he was close to setting Oregon State's school record for career receptions against lower-division Nicholls State. "I was wondering why I was getting the ball so much," the senior receiver laughed after 12 catches for 123 yards and a touchdown in No. 16 Oregon State's 77-3 rout of lower-division Nicholls State on Saturday. Wheaton has 224 receptions, surpassing James Rodgers, who wrapped up his career at Oregon State last year with 222. Rodgers is on the practice squad with the Atlanta Falcons. Wheaton also ran for a score before retreating to the sideline when the Beavers piled up a 35-0 first-half lead. Oregon State's 77 points broke the record for most in a game, surpassing a 76-0 victory over Willamette in 1931. The game was originally scheduled to be the season

opener for both teams on Sept. 1, but it was postponed when Hurricane Isaac bore down on the Colonels' campus in Thibodeaux, La. Officials for the schools decided it was in the best interests of the players impacted by the storm to put off the game. "I thought it was great Nicholls State still wanted to come out and play it," Oregon State coach Mike Riley said. "It's good for you. You've got 12 games, you might as well play them." The Beavers, now 9-3, have flipped their 3-9 finish last year. It is the biggest turnaround in school history. The team will learn its postseason destination on Sunday. Representatives from both the Holiday Bowl, set for Dec. 27 in San Diego, and the Alamo Bowl, Dec. 29 in San Antonio, were at the game.

No. 19 N. Illinois 44,
No. 18 Kent State 37

DETROIT (AP) — Jordan Lynch and Northern Illinois won a MAC title game that lived up to the hype. Now the Huskies are lobbying for a chance to play on an even bigger stage. "I hope we get into a BCS game," Lynch said. "We showed the country what we can do tonight, and we play our best game every week." Lynch ran for three touchdowns, including a 2-yarder in the second overtime, and Demetrius Stone's interception in the end zone gave No. 19 Northern Illinois a 44-37 victory over No. 18 Kent State in a stirring Mid-American Conference championship game Friday night. Both teams were hoping a win would boost them into the top 16 of the BCS rankings and give them a berth in one of college football's marquee bowls. Kent State was No. 17 in those standings coming in. The Huskies were No. 21 and need an unlikely jump. Northern Illinois could pass Kent State and UCLA, which is 16th in the BCS rankings but lost the Pac-12 title game to Stanford on Friday night. Texas is 18th and plays at Kansas State on Saturday, while Boise State is 20th and plays at Nevada. But Michigan is 19th and doesn't play at all this weekend.

Northern Illinois coach Dave Doeren is still holding out hope. "You look at the top 16 teams in the BCS, and you aren't going to find a team that plays as consistently as we do, wins every game they are supposed to win, and plays as well as we do in every phase of the game," Doeren said. "We got big plays on offense when we needed them tonight, we got big plays on defense, and our kicker made every kick we needed. I don't know anyone else who brings all of that." The Huskies (12-1) certainly dominated for much of the night, but the Golden Flashes (11-2) tied it at 34 in the final minute of regulation.

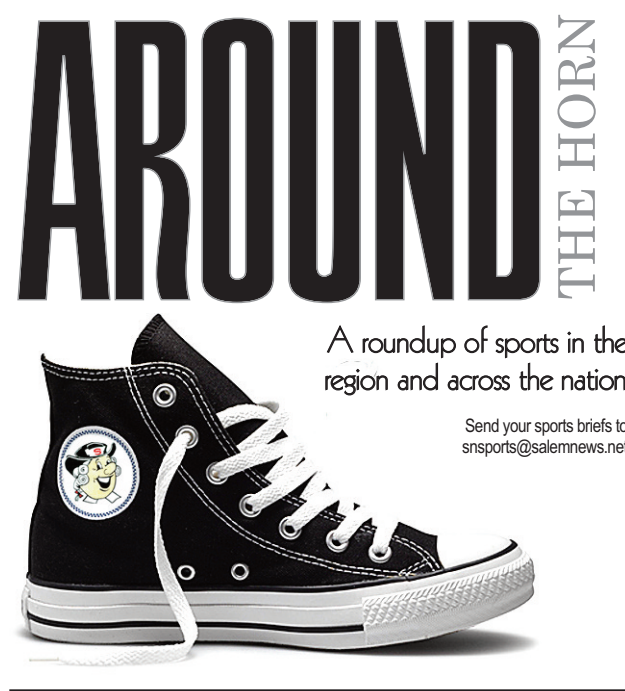
Baylor 41,
No. 24 OK State 34

WACO, Texas (AP) — Nick Florence and other Baylor seniors have told Lache Seastrunk over the past few months to finish strong on his runs. The sophomore running back took that advice to heart Saturday. Seastrunk rushed for 178 yards, including diving in to complete a 76-yard touch-

down run after cramping up, and Florence passed for 296 yards to lead Baylor past No. 24 Oklahoma State 41-34. Oklahoma State had cut Baylor's lead to 34-27 when Seastrunk broke free up the middle on a play that looked similar to his 80-yard touchdown that sealed an upset win over Kansas State on Nov. 17. Seastrunk raced past three Cowboys defenders before he began to pull up about 25 yards short of the end zone. After stumbling just past the goal line, Seastrunk remained on the ground for a couple of minutes before limping off the field. Bears coach Art Briles said Seastrunk experienced leg cramps on his last carry of the game. "We've been harping on him about finishing," Florence said. "For someone to cramp and pull up like that, that's inspiring. He's an outstanding player." Baylor (7-5, 4-5 Big 12) has won at least seven games in three straight seasons - the first time the Bears have done that since 1949-51. After Baylor lost at Oklahoma on Nov. 10, it didn't appear a third straight bowl game was in Baylor's future. The Bears pulled off a 52-24 upset over Kansas State, which took over the No. 1 spot in the BCS rankings before traveling to Waco, and then rallied from an early two-touchdown deficit to win in overtime against Texas Tech. Baylor finished off its regular season by beating Oklahoma State for only the second time in their last 17 meetings.

No. 25 Boise State 27,
Nevada 21

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Joe Southwick threw two touchdown passes to lead No. 25 Boise State to a 27-21 victory over Nevada on Saturday, earning the Broncos a share of the Mountain West Conference title and ensuring their nation's best seventh consecutive 10-win season. Boise State gave itself a slim chance to reach the BCS, but the Broncos will have to move up at least four spots in the last standings to the top 16 and be ahead of Mid-American Conference champ Northern Illinois to grab a bid to the marquee games. They'll probably have to settle for something smaller, again. D.J. Harper ran for 130 yards for Boise State (10-2, 7-1) and the Broncos' defense put the clamps on a Nevada offense that was averaging 38 points per game. Stephon Jefferson ran for 139 yards and a touchdown and Cody Fajardo passed for 203 yards and ran for 81 for the Wolf Pack (7-5, 4-4), who lost four of their last five games after starting the season 6-1. Matt Miller caught seven passes for 127 yards, including a 52-yard touchdown from Southwick that put Boise ahead late 24-7. Southwick completed 19 of 26 for 199 yards. Michael Frisina made the second of two field goals from 30 yards with 3:30 left in the game to make it 27-14. Fajardo capped a 74-yard scoring drive with a 6-yard TD run to pull within 27-21 with 2:27 left. Nevada tried an inside kick but Harper recovered on the Wolf Pack 44 with 2:25 remaining to put the brakes on a comeback.



Winter Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League at Salem CC

SALEM — Registration is now open through December 17 for the upcoming Winter Adult Co-ed Volleyball League. The league will run January 6 – March 17 and conclude with a single elimination tournament to determine the league champion. The cost of the league is \$200 and offers both recreational and competitive divisions. Space is limited so please register early.

United Athletic Booster Club

HANOVERTON — The United Athletic Booster Club will hold their monthly meeting this Monday evening at 6 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

NC State hires Northern Illinois' Doeren

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Dave Doeren is leaving Northern Illinois after two straight championship seasons to take over at North Carolina State. N.C. State announced Doeren's hiring Saturday — less than 24 hours after he guided the 19th-ranked Huskies to their second consecutive Mid-American Conference championship, and just six days after firing Tom O'Brien. Doeren claimed a MAC title both years he was at NIU and is 23-4 since taking over the Huskies with a 17-1 record in conference play. Doeren "is a highly motivated overachiever who shares our goals to pursue aggressively a high level of achievement in the classroom and on the field of competition," N.C. State athletic director Debbie Yow said in a statement. The school planned a Sunday afternoon news conference to introduce him. Doeren — who turns 41 on Monday — said he was "honored and excited" to join the Wolfpack. He replaces O'Brien, who was fired following six inconsistent seasons and no Atlantic Coast Conference championship-game appearances at the school that hasn't won the ACC since 1979. Doeren came to Northern Illinois in December 2010 after five seasons as Wisconsin's defensive coordinator. He replaced Jerry Kill at NIU and led the Huskies to an 11-win season in 2011 that was capped by a MAC title and a win over Arkansas State in the GoDaddy.com Bowl. That was followed by an even bigger finish this year. He became one of the up-and-coming names for bigger jobs as he guided Northern Illinois to a school-record 12 wins and a top-20 national ranking. The Huskies beat No. 18 Kent State on Friday night in double overtime for their second straight league title.

Popovich: 'Disappointed' in \$250K fine from NBA

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gregg Popovich said Saturday night he doesn't know if the San Antonio Spurs will appeal a \$250,000 fine from the NBA for sending his star players home to rest instead of playing them against the Miami Heat. Speaking publicly for the first time since NBA Commissioner David Stern handed down the stiff penalty Friday, the Spurs coach and team president said he was "disappointed" in the decision. "What I do from my perspective is from a coaching perspective," Popovich said. "And I think the league operates from a business perspective. And I think that's reflective in the action that they took." Rather than play Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili — three of the NBA's biggest names — against LeBron James and Miami in a nationally televised game Thursday night, Popovich put them on a plane and sent them home. It came at the end of a six-game road trip and after the Spurs had played five times in seven days. Swingman Danny Green was also put on that early flight to San Antonio. Popovich justified his decision in Miami by saying he didn't want to subject Green and his aging Big Three to so much wear-and-tear this early in the season. That decision infuriated Stern. He apologized to NBA fans before the Miami game and vowed his office would hand down "substantial sanctions," which Stern delivered on the next day. He said he "concluded that the Spurs did a disservice to the league and our fans." Popovich bristled when asked before Saturday night's game against Memphis whether he might nonetheless do the same thing, as the NBA's reigning coach of the year often does when posed with hypothetical questions. But he didn't rule it out, either. "I don't have a crystal ball," Popovich said. Popovich said he had discussions with the league before the fine was announced but did not elaborate. But one thing the two sides did not discuss, apparently, were guidelines the Spurs should follow the next time they want to rest their stars. He said any deliberations about whether the Spurs will appeal would be done privately. "That's not a confirmation or anything like that," Popovich said. "I have no idea. It's out of my hands." Teams are required to report as soon as they know a player will not travel because of injury. The league's statement said the Spurs were in violation of league policy reviewed with the board of governors in April 2010 against resting players in a manner "contrary to the best interests of the NBA." Stern also pointed out that it was the Spurs' only trip to Miami this season and that the team made the decision without informing the Heat, the media or league office in a "timely" fashion. Grizzlies coach Lionel Hollins, whose team entered a half-game ahead of the Spurs for the best record in the Western Conference, said Popovich has a right to manage his team however he wants.

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► TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX Agreed to terms with OF Jonny Gomes on a two-year contract.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS Agreed to terms with INF Kris Negron and OF Denis Phipps on minor league contracts.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS Acquired RHP Burke Badenhop from Tampa Bay for OF Raul Mondesi Jr.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES Agreed to terms with LHP Mike Zagurski on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS Assigned G John Jenkins and F Mike Scott to Bakersfield (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
GREEN BAY PACKERS Signed RB DuJuan Harris and WR Jeremy Ross from the practice squad. Placed TE Andrew Quarless and S Sean Richardson on injured reserve.
TENNESSEE TITANS Waived OL Kyle DeVan. Signed FB Collin Mooney from the practice squad.

HOCKEY
American Hockey League
PEORIA RIVERMEN Assigned F Cody Beach to Evansville (ECHL).

ECHL
ECHL Suspended Evansville W Jim McKenzie, Greenville W Kenndal McAdrie and Fort Wayne F Kaleigh Schrock for one game each for their actions in games on Nov. 30. Suspended Ontario F Cameron Burt, pending a review, and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a game on Nov. 30. Fined Orlando W Mike Liambas an undisclosed amount for his actions in a game on Nov. 30.

COLLEGE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE Named Dave Doeren football coach.

► PGA

Saturday At Sherwood Country Club Thousand Oaks, Calif. Purse: \$4 million Yardage: 7,023; Par: 72	
Third Round	
Graeme McDowell	69-66-68—203 -13
Keegan Bradley	69-69-67—205 -11
Tiger Woods	70-69-68—208 -8
Bo Van Pelt	70-68-70—208 -8
Jim Furyk	69-69-71—209 -7
Rickie Fowler	73-67-70—210 -6
Nick Watney	67-73-71—211 -5
Bubba Watson	71-74-67—212 -4
Steve Stricker	73-71-68—212 -4
Webb Simpson	70-73-69—212 -4
Zach Johnson	74-70-70—214 -2
Dustin Johnson	74-68-72—214 -2
Matt Kuchar	73-69-72—214 -2
Hunter Mahan	71-73-71—215 -1
Ian Poulter	73-72-71—216 E
Brandt Snedeker	75-68-73—216 E
Jason Dufner	73-68-75—216 E
Jason Day	71-75-72—218 +2

► TENNIS

Andy Roddick beats Andy Murray in Miami Tennis Cup
KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Recently retired Andy Roddick beat third-ranked Andy Murray 6-2, 6-3 on Saturday in the Miami Tennis Cup exhibition event.
Roddick will play 11th-ranked Nicolas Pietrangolo of Spain in the final Sunday. Pietrangolo advanced with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over 14th-ranked John Isner.
Murray, trailing 2-5 in the first set, surrendered his serve in the eighth game when he sailed a backhand crosscourt wide. In the second set, Murray saved two break points from down 0-40, but couldn't convert the third to give Roddick a 5-3 lead. At 15-0, Roddick double-faulted twice in a row, but went on to win the final three points of the match with a service winner and two forehand winners.
"If we had gone three sets I would've had a full body cramp and it would've been awkward for all of you," said Roddick, who kept a running dialogue with the crowd. "There's no comeback (to tennis for me)."

► PGA NOTES

McDowell clings to a 2-shot lead at Sherwood
THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Based on history alone, the most comfortable part of Graeme McDowell's position is being at Sherwood Country Club.
Ever since he first showed up at the World Challenge in 2009 as a last-minute replacement for tournament host Tiger Woods, McDowell has broken par in every round he has played. Saturday was no exception. He rolled in two long birdie putts early in the third round and stretched his streak to 29 holes without a bogey when he walked off the 18th green with a 4-under 68.
As for his two-shot lead? That's not always his best spot from which to win.
McDowell's last three wins started with at least a three-shot deficit. He has never won when he had the outright lead, although he started out tied for the lead four times.
"I'm not sure how many times I've won from the front," McDowell said. "Hopefully, I'll add one tomorrow."
All he knows is that it doesn't figure to be easy to pick up his first win in two years.
Keegan Bradley had to cope with more fallout on the proposed ban of the belly putting stroke when he said one man in the gallery called him a "cheater." It didn't keep the former PGA champion from a 5-under 67 to get into the final pairing with McDowell on Sunday.
Woods, a five-time champion at Sherwood, kept himself in the game. Even though Woods failed to birdie any of the five par 5s, he picked up a pair of birdies on the final two par 3s and added a third to salvage a 69 that left him five shots behind.
"I'm going to have to shoot a low one tomorrow and see what happens," Woods said.
McDowell was at 13-under 203, and will try to win from the front for the first time since he was tied for the 54-hole lead at the Scottish Open at Loch Lomond in 2008. His specialty of late has been rallying on the last day — four shots behind at the World Challenge, three shots behind at the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, four shots behind at the Wales Open, all of those in 2010.
On another overcast day with a light drizzle, McDowell picked up a pair of birdies he wasn't expecting.
He laid up on the par-5 second hole and hit his wedge with two much spin, the ball rolling back down a pair of tiers that left him some 40 feet away. He rolled that in for a birdie, and then holed about a 25-foot birdie putt on No. 4.
McDowell's best swing of the day came at the ninth, with the pin at the far back of the green. He hit a 6-iron to about 6 feet for birdie, and picked up his fourth birdie with a two-putt on the 11th, the one par 5 he can reach in two.
The damp conditions all week have made some of the par 5s difficult to reach, even for some of the longer hitters, and birdies are no longer sure things. Woods found that out the hard way, missing the fairway badly to the right on No. 5 and having to lay up. Even when he was in position for birdie on the 11th, he three-putted for par. But he closed strong, and still has an outside chance.
Bo Van Pelt had a 70 and was tied with Woods at 8-under than 208. Jim Furyk was another shot behind after trading three birdies with three bogeys for a 72.
"I felt like I played decent enough to get to 10 under and just didn't do it," Woods said.
Bradley and McDowell are the only players to post all three rounds in the 60s. A year ago, Bradley was 10 over for the tournament and never shot better than 73.
"I played so poorly here last year, it just feels so good to be in the hunt, and I'm striking the ball as good as I can," Bradley said. "A few putts go in tomorrow, I think I could have a good run at this."
Bradley has been the center of attention all week, especially after the USGA and the R&A proposed a new rule on anchored strokes that would keep him from using the belly putter. The rule is not to take effect until 2016 at the latest, but some fans are passionate against it.

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► NASCAR

Penske offers Tony Stewart Indianapolis 500 ride
LAS VEGAS (AP) — Tony Stewart has long insisted he's given up his childhood dream of winning the Indianapolis 500. He might have to reconsider.
What seemed like a throwaway line in Roger Penske's speech Friday night appears to be an actual offer for Stewart to drive the Indianapolis 500 next year. The team owner tossed it out while accepting the Sprint Cup trophy and lauding Stewart, last year's champion.
"I know we took your spot this year," Penske said. "But you're a car owner. You're a race driver, you're a track promoter — how about doing the double at Indy this year? Are you available?"
The banquet room at Wynn Las Vegas Resort broke out into laughter, as most everyone assumed Penske was joking.
But later, when given the chance to shrug it off as a lighthearted moment with Stewart, Penske insisted he was very serious.
"If he wants to do the double, I'd put him in it," Penske said. "We've talked about it before, I guess I made it official tonight."
And, Penske Racing President Tim Cindric backed the team owner later that evening, confidently predicting the team can convince NASCAR's three-time champion to sign on for the race.
Cindric even asked on Twitter if the team can count on Stewart for the race. Stewart did not comment after the banquet, only smiling tightly before walking away. Surely this is an offer the Indiana native can't refuse?

Penske-owned cars have won the Indianapolis 500 15 times, and it's the one race "The Captain" holds higher than anything else. Penske has not won it since Helio Castroneves' 2009 victory.
The Indy 500 also is Stewart's favorite race, but he failed to win it five times and last entered it in 2001.
The partnership seems perfect on paper. Penske's IndyCar operation is powered by Chevrolet, which is Stewart's longtime manufacturer. Although the Indianapolis 500 is a spectacular race that doesn't need any sideshows, Penske luring Stewart into the field would bring attention to the slumping IndyCar Series at a time its getting battered for off-track politics.
And, there could be an altruistic motive for Penske, who accepted his first Cup championship Friday night with Brad Keselowski 40 years after first entering NASCAR. With really nothing left to accomplish on his racing resume, Penske could generously be trying to give Stewart, considered to be one of the few remaining pure American racers, a shot at realizing his dream.
It would be a feel good story, too. The last native Hoosier to win the Indy 500 was Wilbur Shaw in 1940.
Stewart ran the Indy 500 five times, starting from the pole as a rookie in 1996 and leading 44 laps before his engine failed. His highest finish was fifth in 1997.
Stewart twice attempted to run both the Indy 500 and NASCAR's Coca-Cola 600 on the same day. In 1999, he was ninth at Indy and fourth at Charlotte, and in 2001, he was sixth at Indy and third at Charlotte.
He hasn't tried Indianapolis since, and has seemingly let go of trying to win the race. He has twice won the Brickyard 400, NASCAR's race at storied Indy.
"The hard part for me was you make that decision when you sign up to do (NASCAR)," Stewart said last January. "The decision you make, you have to come to peace with yourself with saying 'I'm not going to do this.' That was my childhood dream anyway. It was hard knowing when I signed that (NASCAR) contract that I was writing off the opportunity to go race at Indy."
"It's figuring out at the end of the day what do you really want to do. I guess that's the part that even though it was hard to watch opening day of practice at Indianapolis, I'm enjoying what I'm doing, too, and this is what I want to do at the end of the day. It makes you want 30-hour days and 400-day years and we always want to do more than what we're capable of doing, but the reality is you have to pick

► CFB NOTES

Pitt routs South Florida 27-3 for bowl eligibility
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Ray Graham rushed for a pair of touchdowns and went over 1,000 yards Saturday night to help Pittsburgh become bowl eligible with a 27-3 rout of struggling South Florida.
Tino Sunseri threw for 211 yards and one TD for the Panthers (6-6, 3-4 Big East) to join Graham in giving Pitt a 3,000-yard passer and 1,000-yard rusher in the same season for the first time in school history.
USF (3-9, 1-6) finished its second straight losing season by losing nine of 10 following a 2-0 start, a slide that could cost coach Skip Holtz his job. A year ago, the Bulls dropped seven of eight following a 4-0 start that vaulted them into the Top 25 before a 44-17 loss to Pitt.
Graham scored on a pair of 1-yard runs, Sunseri tossed a 2-yard TD pass to J.P. Holtz, and a Pitt defense that's allowed just nine points the past two weeks held USF 117 yards and forced four turnovers, including three interceptions of Matt Floyd in the redshirt freshman's second career start.
Pitt bounced back from losing its first two games to Youngstown State and Cincinnati to qualify for a postseason berth for the fifth straight season. Along the way, the Panthers gave top-ranked Notre Dame its toughest test before losing in triple overtime. They also rebounded from a disappointing loss to Connecticut to upset Rutgers 21-6 and put themselves in a position to extend their first season under coach Paul Chryst.
Despite forcing turnovers on the Bulls' first

► OSU BOX

No. 4 OHIO ST. 70, NORTHERN KENTUCKY 43
NORTHERN KENTUCKY (0-5)
Watson 1-10 0-0-2, Billups 5-8 1-2 11, Faulkner 1-3 1-2-4, Jackson 2-3 2-4 6, Jones 3-13 0-0 9, White 2-5 0-0 5, Staley 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 0-7 0-0 0, Flourmy 1-6 0-0 3, Snodgrass 0-3 0-0 0, Monaco 0-0 0-0 0, Ju. Rossi 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 16-59 4-8 43.
OHIO ST. (5-1)
Thomas 5-14 4-5 14, Thompson 3-5 3-4 10, Ravenel 1-5 2-2 4, Craft 2-9 0-0 4, Smith, Jr. 2-9 0-0 6, Scott 1-5 3-4 5, Ross 8-12 3-3 22, Rogers 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 2-2 2, Della Valle 1-2 0-0 3, McDonald 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-61 17-20 70.
Halftime: Ohio St. 36-22, 3-Point Goals: Northern Kentucky 7-29 (Jones 3-8, Ju. Rossi 1-1, Faulkner 1-3, White 1-3, Flourmy 1-5, Snodgrass 0-1, Watson 0-3, Johnson 0-5), Ohio St. 7-23 (Ross 3-6, Smith, Jr. 2-6, Thompson 1-1, Della Valle 1-2, Scott 0-1, Thomas 0-3, Craft 0-4). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Northern Kentucky 41 (Billups 9), Ohio St. 43 (Ross, Thomas 8). Assists: Northern Kentucky 10 (Johnson 4), Ohio St. 14 (Scott 6). Total Fouls: Northern Kentucky 18, Ohio St. 9. A., 16, 54, 58.

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► NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	11	4	.733	—
Brooklyn	11	5	.688	½
Philadelphia	10	7	.588	2
Boston	9	7	.563	2½
Toronto	4	13	.235	8
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	12	3	.800	—
Atlanta	9	5	.643	2½
Charlotte	7	8	.467	5
Orlando	5	10	.333	7
Washington	1	13	.071	10½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	8	7	.533	—
Milwaukee	7	7	.500	½
Indiana	8	8	.500	½
Detroit	5	12	.294	4
Cleveland	4	13	.235	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	12	2	.857	—
San Antonio	13	4	.765	½
Houston	8	8	.500	5
Dallas	7	9	.438	6
New Orleans	4	11	.267	8½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	14	4	.778	—
Utah	9	9	.500	5
Denver	8	9	.471	5½
Minnesota	7	8	.467	5½
Portland	7	10	.412	6½

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	9	6	.600	—
L.A. Clippers	9	6	.600	—
L.A. Lakers	8	8	.500	1½
Phoenix	7	10	.412	3
Sacramento	4	11	.267	5

Friday's Games
Philadelphia 104, Charlotte 98
Toronto 101, Phoenix 97
Brooklyn 98, Orlando 86
Boston 96, Portland 78
Cleveland 113, Atlanta 111
New York 108, Washington 87
Minnesota 95, Milwaukee 85
Memphis 90, Detroit 78
Oklahoma City 106, Utah 94
Indiana 97, Sacramento 92
L.A. Lakers 122, Denver 103

Saturday's Games
Portland 118, Cleveland 117, 2OT
Miami 102, Brooklyn 89
Chicago 93, Philadelphia 88
Houston 124, Utah 116
Oklahoma City 100, New Orleans 79
Memphis at San Antonio, (n)
Boston at Milwaukee, (n)
Detroit at Dallas, (n)
Indiana at Golden State, (n)
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, (n)

Sunday's Games
Phoenix at New York, 12 p.m.
Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
Portland at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Denver, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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► MLB GLANCE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	3	0	.727	407	244
Miami	5	6	0	.455	211	226
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	221	290
Buffalo	4	7	0	.364	243	319
South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	10	1	0	.909	327	211
Indianapolis	7	4	0	.636	230	273
Tennessee	4	7	0	.364	238	335
Jacksonville	2	9	0	.182	188	308

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	9	2	0	.818	283	219
Pittsburgh	6	5	0	.545	231	210
Cincinnati	6	5	0	.545	282	247
Cleveland	3	8	0	.273	209	248

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	3	0	.727	318	221
San Diego	4	7	0	.364	245	237
Oakland	3	8	0	.273	218	356
Kansas City	1	10	0	.091	161	301

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East
W L T Pct PF PA
N.Y. Giants 7 4 0 .636 305 226
Washington 5 6 0 .455 295 285
Dallas 5 6 0 .455 242 282
Philadelphia 3 8 0 .273 184 282

South
W L T Pct PF PA
Atlanta 11 1 0 .917 317 229
Tampa Bay 6 5 0 .545 310 254
New Orleans 5 7 0 .417 321 327
Carolina 3 8 0 .273 214 265

North
W L T Pct PF PA
Chicago 8 3 0 .727 277 175
Green Bay 7 4 0 .636 273 245
Minnesota 6 5 0 .545 248 249
Detroit 4 7 0 .364 267 280

West
W L T Pct PF PA
San Francisco 8 2 1 .773 276 155
Seattle 6 5 0 .545 219 185
St. Louis 4 6 1 .409 205 254
Arizona 4 7 0 .364 180 227

Thursday's Game
Atlanta 23, New Orleans 13

Sunday's Games
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Arizona at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 6
Denver at Oakland, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 9
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Washington, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Miami at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
New Orleans at N.Y. Giants, 4:25 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 10
Houston at New England, 8:30 p.m.

No. 17 Cincinnati beats Alabama 58-56 on last shot

CINCINNATI (AP) — Point guard Cashmere Wright had never made a buzzer-beater to win a game. Coach Mick Cronin had never seen one of his teams pull one off at the end.
No surprise, then, that both were a little stunned when the ball went in.
Wright's fadeaway jumper at the buzzer gave No. 17 Cincinnati a 58-56 victory over Alabama on Saturday in a matchup of stingy unbeaten teams. In the final seconds, Cincinnati was a bit better on defense.

And the struggling Wright made the shot that decided it.
Trevor Releford had a chance to give Alabama the lead, but Justin Jackson swatted away his driving jump shot. Cincinnati (7-0) got the rebound and called timeout with 6 seconds left.
Wright took the inbound pass at midcourt, drove to the left side of the basket and hit his fadeaway 12-footer over the outstretched arm of 7-foot center Moussa Gueye. Wright fell on his back after releasing the ball and didn't see it go through the hoop. He knew he'd won the game when teammates rushed at him.
Ever do that before?
"Never," Wright said. "It

was the least I could do. I basically was throwing away the whole game at the end. I felt if they could take me that far, I could make the shot."
Wright was only 3 of 8 from the field with four turnovers when Cronin drew up the final play, putting the game in his hands. If Wright saw leading scorer Sean Kilpatrick open, he was supposed to pass to him. If not, take the shot.

When the ball left the guard's hands, all Cronin could think about was the many times he'd lost a game on a buzzer-beater.
"That was the first time," Cronin said. "In 17 years of college coaching, five of high school, I don't think I've ever been part of a game-winner at the buzzer. One of those has to fall at some point for the Bearcats."
JaQuon Parker and Kilpatrick had 13 apiece for Cincinnati. Trevor Lacey scored 16 for Alabama (6-1).

Cincinnati opened the game with a 17-4 run, but the Crimson Tide regrouped and kept it tight throughout the second half, which featured five ties and eight lead changes. The Bearcats went more than 6 minutes without a field goal.
After the opening min-

utes, the game was even.
"We knew coming in that their defense was outstanding and they were going to apply pressure," Alabama coach Anthony Grant said. "We didn't do a very good job of handling it early. I told our guys what we needed to do was just settle down, it's going to be a 40-minute game, we're going to have an opportunity if we took care of the basketball."

Alabama was the next team into the Top 25 this week, getting the 26th-most points while going 6-0 for the second season in a row. The Crimson Tide spent the first half overcoming a bad start, then had it come down to Wright's shot.

The Crimson Tide had eight turnovers during Cincinnati's opening 17-4 run. The Crimson Tide got back into the game by dominating the boards and taking care of the ball — only eight turnovers the rest of the way.

Alabama's 7-foot-1 center Carl Engstrom fell on the court and hurt his left knee less than 4 minutes into the game. He limped off and didn't return. Grant said Engstrom would have tests on the knee to determine the severity of the injury.

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because it came after time expired. The basket was first ruled good, but the call was changed after a video review.

Batum scored to give Portland a brief lead in the second OT, but Gee's 3-pointer put Cleveland ahead 114-113. Lillard followed with a basket for the Trail Blazers, but Tyler Zeller's jumper with 52.3 seconds left put the Cavaliers ahead again.

Following turnovers by both teams, the Trail Blazers missed on two attempts and Gee was fouled. He missed the first shot and made the second.

Cavaliers guard Dion Waiters left the game in the second overtime with an

ankle injury. Varejao, the NBA's leading rebounder, dislocated his right ring finger in the first quarter. X-rays were negative and he returned midway through the second period.

Gee's basket off a missed shot tied the game at 103 with 6.7 seconds left in the first overtime. After Lillard missed a 20-footer, the ball was tapped out near the top of the key. Batum put up a shot that went in and was originally ruled good and the Trail Blazers began celebrating. However, replay showed the ball was still in Batum's hand when time expired.

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Back in playoff chase, Bengals face slumping Bolts

SAN DIEGO (AP) — For four games, the Bungles were back.

After a 3-1 start, the Cincinnati Bengals got a bit full of themselves and promptly lost to Miami, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Denver, tumbling to 3-5 and seemingly relegating themselves to insignificance after reaching the playoffs two of the three previous seasons.

Suddenly, the Bengals (6-5) are back as playoff contenders after winning three straight games by at least 18 points, the first time they'd done that since 1976. One victory was against the New York Giants and two were against the tomato cans of the AFC West, Kansas City and Oakland.

Now they travel to San Diego (4-7), where the Chargers are finding different ways to come from ahead to lose, having dropped three straight and six of seven. As the Chargers plummet closer to missing the playoffs for the third straight season, it appears the window is ready to slam shut on the Norv Turner era, and perhaps on general

manager A.J. Smith's time with the Bolts, as well.

The Bengals' winning streak has coincided with Ben Roethlisberger's absence from the Steelers, allowing Cincinnati to pull even with Pittsburgh in the chase for the final AFC wild-card spot. Indianapolis controls the first wild-card spot at 7-4.

"We've dug ourselves out of our hole, but we still haven't gotten anywhere yet," left tackle Andrew Whitworth said. "There's still a lot of work to do, a lot of things ahead of us, a lot of great challenges. So I think we're excited about that, and we've got a lot of great opportunity. We've been able to dig ourselves out to a chance to where now we do have that opportunity to play well the rest of the season and make it to the playoffs."

After Sunday, the Bengals will face Dallas and Philadelphia, both of which have losing records, before finishing with a showdown at Pittsburgh and a home game against AFC North leader Baltimore, which routed Cincinnati in the season-opener.

Whitworth said the Bengals "felt a little good about ourselves and let things slip"

after their 3-1 start.

"And I think we refocused in and realized the work and the preparation it takes every week to win in the NFL," he said. "I think being a young team, they needed to learn that. We're going to be prepared now to go forward. I think guys are ready, they're prepared, they understand what it takes. And we definitely have young guys who have the talent to be successful at this level, so I'm excited about the rest of the season."

The Chargers also started 3-1, and it's been a confounding mess ever since.

Half of the Chargers' wins are against Kansas City, which has an NFL-worst 1-10 record. They blew a 10-point lead in the second half of a 31-24 loss at New Orleans on Oct. 7 and then followed that up with their epic Monday night collapse in which they let Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos rally from a 24-0 halftime deficit for a 35-24 victory.

Then came Sunday's home game against the Ravens, when the astoundingly let Ray Rice convert a fourth-and-29 on a dump-off pass. The Ravens, who trailed by 10 in the fourth quarter, sent the game into

overtime before winning.

Rice's play undid what had been a solid performance by San Diego's defense. Philip Rivers managed to go turnover-free for just the third time this season but was sacked a season-high six times.

Rivers has been under siege most of the season due to a leaky line, and he could be in trouble again Sunday. Tackle Geno Atkins leads the Bengals with nine sacks and end Michael Johnson has eight. They'll line up opposite San Diego's weak link, the left side of the offensive line, although the right side has collapsed, too. The Bengals have 35 sacks while the Chargers have only 22.

Not only were the Chargers physically beaten up by the Ravens, but the Bolts could have a hard time shaking off that fourth-and-29 play.

San Diego's mood is "as good as it can be right now," Rivers said. "It was a tough loss. Every loss is tough. It's been a tough stretch, but I think that as competitors being in this league, you don't ever get used to losing but you learn how to move on at some point because the ball is going to be kicked off on Sunday and we have to go and find a way to win. I

know that we'll be ready to go on Sunday. From watching this defense I know that it's heck of a defense and I know what kind of talent that they offensively from being with a few of those guys last year at the Pro Bowl and seeing them up close. It's a good team."

While San Diego's offense has sputtered, the Bengals have averaged 31 points the last three games. During that stretch, second-year quarterback Andy Dalton has passed for 639 yards with nine touchdowns and no interceptions.

BenJarvus Green-Ellis will try for his third straight 100-yard rushing game. By comparison, San Diego's Ryan Mathews has yet to crack 100 yards in a game this season.

One more Denver win or Chargers loss will secure the AFC West title for Manning and the Broncos. While mathematically alive in the wild-card race, the Chargers trail four other teams.

San Diego is 21-22 since its last playoff appearance, an embarrassing home loss to the New York Jets following the 2009 season.

As if they need any reminders of past face plants, here come the Bengals.

In 2010, the Chargers'

four-year playoff run came to a frigid, shocking end when they were routed by the Bengals in the season's penultimate game, in Cincinnati.

Turner seemed to sum up that whole season when he turned to then-defensive coordinator Ron Rivera and said, "What happened?" after Jerome Simpson blew past unprepared cornerback Antoine Cason to haul in a 59-yard touchdown pass from Carson Palmer as the Bengals pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Palmer is now with Oakland, which lost 34-10 at Cincinnati on Sunday.

And the Bengals are eager to prove they're for real.

"We just have to continue to have a sense of finish, and when we get the opportunity, we need to close out games," coach Marvin Lewis said. "Whether it be first downs, whether it be third-down stops, turnovers, sacks — whatever it may be, we have to continue to do that. We have a little better understanding of what it takes to do that, and now we have to go prove it and execute it. But talking about it in here or in that (locker) room doesn't matter. We have to go do it."

Eagles' losses pile up for rematch with Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles figured to be without Michael Vick and LeSean McCoy against Dallas and already knew DeSean Jackson was gone for the year. Then they offered their strongest sign of surrender in a lost season.

The Eagles abruptly dumped 2011 sacks leader Jason Babin days before Sunday night's game against Tony Romo and the Cowboys, who ran 52 consecutive pass plays in their last game and have sunk to last in the league in rushing.

Coach Andy Reid said his message won't change even after acknowledging the Babin move was to give younger defensive linemen more playing time. Besides, the Eagles (3-8) can pay

back the Cowboys by essentially knocking them out of the playoff hunt three weeks after Dallas did the same thing to them with a win in Philadelphia.

"I think that you play to win games," said Reid, whose team would have to win its final five games just to reach an 8-8 record that owner Jeffrey Lurie has already labeled unacceptable. "You practice and play that way. It doesn't matter what the record is. That's how you go about your business, and that's what we're doing."

If the Eagles are to snap a seven-game losing streak — easily the longest in 14 years under Reid — it will likely be with rookie Nick Foles, who actually played most of Dallas' 38-23 win over Nov. 11

after Vick was knocked out with a concussion. Vick hasn't played since.

Against Carolina last weekend, Bryce Brown filled in for McCoy, also sidelined by a concussion, and set an Eagles rookie record with 178 yards rushing. But he lost two fumbles that were significant in the Panthers' 30-22 win. Jackson is out for the year after fracturing multiple ribs against the Panthers.

"A lot of things have changed over there, obviously. We all know that," said Dallas linebacker Ernie Sims, who will start barely a month after signing with the Cowboys; Bruce Carter was lost for the season to an elbow injury. "The good thing is we've already played

them. We've already beaten them so we've already seen their hand."

Without Babin, Trent Cole becomes the biggest threat to the suddenly pass-happy Cowboys. He's third on the Eagles' career list with 69 1/2 sacks.

"Anybody says there's nothing to play for, but there is," Cole said. "We may not have playoff hopes here, but we've got to play for our jobs."

Romo, who threw 112 passes in a span of five days, didn't hand off to a running back after the 5:30 mark of the second quarter of a 38-31 Thanksgiving loss to Washington because the Cowboys (5-6) fell behind 28-3 at halftime. That's not to say Dallas has run the ball

well in close games, either. The Cowboys have more than 100 yards rushing just once in six games without starter DeMarco Murray.

There's a good chance Murray will finally return against the Eagles after missing six games with a sprained right foot, but even he struggled early in the season behind an offensive line beset by injuries and poor play. Take away a 48-yard run on a broken play in the opener against the New York Giants, and Murray has averaged 3.8 yards on 74 carries. That's far below his 5.5-yard average as a rookie last year, when he set a franchise record with a 253-yard game in his first start.

The only 100-yard game for Dallas without Murray

came in the first Philadelphia game, when Felix Jones had 71 of the team's 101 yards rushing and scored a touchdown on an 11-yard screen pass. That was also the last time Dallas didn't trail by double digits at halftime.

The Cowboys almost beat Washington and rallied from a halftime deficit against Cleveland in part because Dez Bryant is on his best run as a pro. He's had a career-high 145 yards receiving in consecutive games in making up for injuries that have slowed Miles Austin.

"There's no perfect plan within a game: 'We're going to get this, we're going to get this, we're going to get this,'" Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said.

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soned front line of the Norse.

But they did force 20 turnovers, which led to 22 points.

"We didn't come out putting it in the hole," said the team's top scorer, Deshaun Thomas, who ended up with 14 points. "But, you know, it's us staying together and preparing in practice and shooting the ball well."

Ross covered up for the thin spots in Ohio State's

game.

The sophomore wing hit 8 of 12 shots from the field, including half of his six attempts behind the arc, along with all three free throws. The rest of the Buckeyes made just 15 of 49 (.306) shots from the field.

"Coach Matta told us from the beginning of the year, he's not going to do like he did in the past. Everybody knows that he would get that group of guys that he trusts, like six or eight guys, and those are the guys he played," said Ross, who seldom played a year ago because

cause of his defensive indifference. "But this year he told us there was going to be a lot of in and out, like he was going to be switching in guys and putting them in different positions to see what they can do."

Ross is splitting time with Thompson, a much better defensive player. But if Ross is able to spot up and shoot well, that adds a dimension the Buckeyes are sorely lacking. Aaron Craft (2 for 9) and Lenzelle Smith Jr. (also 2 for 9 from the field) struggled, adding to the impact of Ross' performance.

"It's important for a guy like Q to come in and step up," Thomas said. "It's a big key to this team."

Northern Kentucky chose to crowd players around Thomas, who came in averaging 22.4 points, and force the Buckeyes to hit outside shots. Ross obliged.

"We kind of figured somebody was going to make shots — we didn't know which one — but to his credit he stepped up and made them," Norse coach Dave Bezold said. "We knew we were going to give some

open looks."

Jalen Billups had 11 points for Northern Kentucky, in its first year in Division I. The Norse haven't beaten a Division I team in a regular-season game since a 66-64 win over Tennessee State on Jan. 14, 1984.

The lead remained around 20 points throughout the second half.

Ross, averaging 6.8 points a game, already had surpassed his career high of 11 with 13 first-half points.

Ohio State struggled to pull away from the Norse

through the first 13 minutes. But the Buckeyes built on a 22-16 lead with a 12-0 run.

Thomas started it with two free throws, and Smith hit a 3 before Thompson added two foul shots. Craft was credited with the basket on a goaltending call before Ross ended the surge with a 3 from the right wing.

"My coaches really pushed me in practice and told me to shoot the ball, to have my feet ready," Ross said. "I just got the opportunity and I had to take advantage of it."

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high. We're trying to become one of the top teams in the AFC and in order to do that, we have to win every week. We understand that, and there's a big emphasis on continuing to win. It may seem a loss won't kill us, but you never know."

Pittsburgh, meanwhile, needs to turn around things in a hurry. If the Steelers (6-5) lose Sunday, they will be eliminated from contention in the AFC North.

"We can't really control

that," Pittsburgh wide receiver Mike Wallace said. "We just have to keep playing football and let everything fall where it falls. It doesn't matter. We just need to get a ticket to The Dance — that's it."

The Steelers are still in the playoff hunt, but realistically only as a wild-card team.

Although Pittsburgh has been ravaged by injuries since the beginning of the season, the Steelers dealt with misfortune well enough until quarterback Ben Roethlisberger hurt his shoulder and ribs in an overtime win over Kansas City

on Nov. 12. At that point, the Steelers were 6-3.

Leftwich then broke his ribs in that home loss to Baltimore, and 37-year-old Charlie Batch threw three interceptions last week in a 20-14 defeat at Cleveland. The Steelers committed eight turnovers last weekend, which compounded the embarrassment of losing to the last-place Browns.

So now Pittsburgh finds itself in a desperate situation against the Ravens, who have won 15 straight at home and 12 in a row against division foes. Roethlisberger might be back, but

beating Baltimore is still a tall order.

"This is a game that we have to win, and we approach it as such," coach Mike Tomlin said.

The Ravens have won four straight and eight of nine. Tomlin and the Steelers don't care one bit what Baltimore can accomplish with a win.

"That doesn't matter to us," he said. "We aren't necessarily worried about what they're capable of doing."

There appears to be no limit what the Ravens can do. Last week, they pulled out an improbable 16-13

overtime win over San Diego after Rice caught a short pass and rumbled through the Chargers defense for 29 yards on a fourth-and-29 late in the fourth quarter.

And now, here comes Pittsburgh again.

"It's not emotionally hard to get back up," Suggs said. "I walk in here, and their color is still that color. When we see it, we have unpleasant memories of them, and when they see us, they have unpleasant memories of us. Both teams love it. So it's going to be good that we get to do it again in the short time span."

This time, the Ravens get the Steelers at home. Baltimore hasn't lost at home since Pittsburgh prevailed 13-10 in December 2010.

Baltimore's home streak is a source of pride for the players, and they have no intention of letting the Steelers put an end to the fun.

"You just aren't going to let somebody come into your home and let them walk all over you," Rice said. "This is Baltimore. These are our fans. This is our city, and we want to do the right thing and go out there and play as hard as we can to protect our house."

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ized in October.

Haslam hired Joe Banner to be the CEO and president Mike Holmgren officially stepped down earlier this week. More moves are expected in the offseason, leaving the status of general manager Tom Heckert and coach Pat Shurmur in question.

"Change happens in the NFL," Shurmur said. "We know that. We're accustomed to seeing it happen in some form or another. I would say this is a little bit unique in terms of having it happen in the middle of the season. ... Just like anything when things change, I'm

sure they are going to make some decisions here at the end of the season but we as coaches don't worry about that. We're trying to put all our efforts into winning the next game, playing the next opponent."

That opponent looks far different than the one Cleveland lost to 24-17 last October eight days after Davis' death. Starting quarterback Jason Campbell broke his collarbone in the first half that game, setting off a chain of events that still impact the team today.

Former coach Hue Jackson traded two high draft picks two days later to Cincinnati to acquire Carson Palmer to keep Oakland on a playoff path. Instead, the Raiders faltered down the

stretch and fell one game short of the AFC West title.

Owner Mark Davis hired Reggie McKenzie as general manager after the season and Jackson was fired. McKenzie hired Dennis Allen as coach and has over-turned almost half of the roster. The Raiders are assured of their 10th straight non-winning season and already looking ahead to what they hope will be a brighter future.

"You realize where the record is right now. Some of the goals and aspirations we had earlier in the year may not be, they're not as realistic as they once were," Allen said. "So the focus now has to be more on, let's restart. Let's start this thing over, it's 0-0 and let's see where we

can go from here. And that's what we're going to try to do."

The Browns also look different on the field, especially offensively, where three of their most productive skill players are all rookies in quarterback Brandon Weeden, running back Trent Richardson and receiver Josh Gordon.

After an 0-5 start to the season, Cleveland has won three of its last six games, including last week's 20-14 victory over AFC North rival Pittsburgh.

After a rough start to his career, Weeden has made strides in recent weeks with seven touchdown passes and only four interceptions the past six games. Richardson has been the physical back

the Browns expected when they traded up to select him third in April's draft, averaging more than 100 yards rushing per game the last four weeks.

Even the losses during this recent stretch have been close, a sign that the Browns are improving in Shurmur's second season as coach.

"I think it's been well-documented that we haven't finished a ton of games," linebacker D'Qwell Jackson said. "Last week it let everyone know if we stay in tune to what we're doing, stay in tune to every snap, we can win some ballgames and finish ballgames from a defensive standpoint."

The Raiders have been unable to start or finish games of late, losing four

straight for the first time since 2008 and getting outscored by 90 points during the skid.

The biggest issues have been on defense where the Raiders are allowing the second most points per game in the NFL since the merger in 1970 and have given up 169 points the past four weeks.

"We have the players and the ability to get it done," defensive tackle Richard Seymour said. "It's just unfortunate that we haven't played sound football across the board, whether it's offense, defense or special teams. We haven't played complementary football. We just need to put it all together as a team. That's something to build upon."

HORO SCOPE
BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Sunday, December 2, 2012
It's the moment of truth. In the poker game of the stars, Jupiter sits across from the sun with a jolly look on his face (that could be interpreted as arrogance) and casually asks everyone at the table to show their cards. But life isn't totally like poker. In poker, the best cards win. In life, it's those who feel best about their cards who take the pot.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't give into the pressure to change. The person pushing you doesn't understand that you still need nurturing and care. When you're ready to change, you won't be able to stop yourself from doing so.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). While dealing with an authority figure, ignore the minor mistakes. They will soon be forgotten, and they don't matter anyway. Being the bigger person helps you see the bigger picture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You might make a purchase if it costs less than the amount in your wallet. But if it requires you to go to the ATM, you'll skip it. What you want on impulse you devalue if you take the time to think about it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't be surprised if you're suddenly wondering how to make sultry eye contact or scintillating small talk. These interests are an outcropping of your broader interest in getting a certain person's undivided attention.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It may take two to tango, but each partner can work on the steps alone to get ready for the next dance. Preparation is the magic ingredient that will make a relationship work beautifully.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are things that look nice from the outside — a beach house, marriage to royalty, a pony — that are actually a lot more work than appearances suggest. Right now the fantasy is more enjoyable than the reality would be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). True friends will reflect back to you your best qualities. If you feel less wonderful about yourself around a certain person, consider that the person may not be a true friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). At times like now, inaction can be the most positive and powerful thing to do — or in this case, to not do. Be cautious. Only make a move if you feel undeniably driven to do so. Also, people will respect your decision not to decide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even simple things can seem confounding now. If you have a mind full of question marks, consider yourself wise. Only the very young and the very immature think they know everything.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People have a tendency to be overly dramatic and drag you into it. The only person you should get serious about now is someone who makes you laugh.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're not exactly working for a seal of approval, but it still feels good to get one from someone you admire. Self-acceptance has a subtler benefit, but it lasts longer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The person whose opinion matters so much to you will give you a stamp of approval. Soon you're on to bigger things — like self-acceptance. Diversity keeps you creative.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 2). You are loved, and people show you this in a big way. Fresh vigor kicks off this eventful year. This month, you'll eject the person, place or thing that is taking up too much emotional space. Social horizons broaden in January. Friends fix you up with hot leads. Your love life will sizzle on one of the best Valentine's Days yet. Aries and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 3, 9, 16 and 40.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK
AHEAD: This week of the Sagittarius sun is the calm before the storm. There are few aspects to contend with, good or bad, but next week will bring rapidly changing skies for the better. Lingering anticipation and hope hang in the air. The Leo moon is like a costumed character entertaining a long line of amusement park attendees waiting to board a roller coaster. She takes this lull in the action as an opportunity to entertain. Chances are there are colorful people in your life who steal the show, or maybe you are such a person in the life of another. Either way, the interaction will be a bonding moment that, over time, will outshine the main event. Take pictures so you can prove it. The most productive days will be Wednesday through Friday; the responsible Virgo moon makes sure of it. Practical matters will quickly be solved. People show up where they're supposed to be. It feels good to be a functioning part of time's clockwork. Love rules the weekend, but perhaps not romantic love. Helpful partnerships come in all shapes and sizes and often without hearts and flowers. It's nice to know on whom you can depend.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy birthday to Mouseketeer-turned-megastar Britney Spears. The high-voltage, controversial career of this pop princess has been front-page news since her teenage hits, and her astrological chart shows 2013 to be a more private and personally fulfilling cycle. Spears was born when the sun, Mercury, Uranus and Neptune were all in fiery Sagittarius.

ANTIQUES
BY TERRY KOVEL

High-society Victorians had a formal way to meet new friends. No playground visits, no social media. The only proper method was an exchange of calling cards, often called "visiting cards." The system gave the elite a chance to screen newcomers and reject the "unwanted." The man's card was small enough to fit in his breast pocket. The woman's card was a little larger. Both were engraved with the person's name and a title, such as Mr. or Mrs., or rank, like Governor, in a simple typestyle.

By the end of the century, an address was included, and the typescript was more elaborate. To meet a neighbor, you went in a carriage to deliver a calling card. Your driver gave it to a maid, who took it to the lady of the house. She decided if she was "not at home" or "at home." The "at home" meant you could meet right away. "Not at home" meant she didn't want to meet you then and may never want to meet you. A card was left on the pile in a silver dish in the hall. The card with the most impressive name was kept on the top. Calling cards for those of lower social standing were decorated by the end of the 19th century, and these are the ones most collected today. Colorful flowers, birds, hands, faces or designs surround the simple name.

Most sell today for \$1 to \$10. The special silver-plated card trays are another collectible. They often are designed to look like a ceramic dish on a pedestal with a cloth draped on the side or with birds perched in a corner. The imaginative decorations made it clear that the dishes were not meant to serve food. A silver-plated calling-card dish sells for about \$150 to \$300.

Q: Years ago, I purchased a Shaker-style rocker at a tag sale. There's a metal plate on it that reads "American Chair Mfg. Co., Hallstead, Pa." and "Made for G.E. Finkel Furn. Co., Sussex, N.J." The seat appears to have the original metal coils, with burlap wrapped around horsehair. Can you give me any information about the maker of this rocking chair?

A: The American Chair Manufacturing Co. was in business from 1892 to 1930. The company was listed in directories in Brandt and Hallstead, Pa. It was known for its Arts and Crafts furniture, which it first made in 1904.

Q: I have a figurine that's marked "Pasadena, California, Patent Pending" in a circle and "Florence Ceramic"

inside the circle. I bought it at a garage sale a long time ago for less than \$5. Did I get a bargain?

A: Florence Ceramics was in business in Pasadena, Calif., from 1942 to 1977. Florence Ward (1894-1977) began making ceramics in her garage in about 1940. She established Florence Ceramics Co. in 1942. The company made figurines, boxes, candleholders and other items. Many of the figurines were designed by Florence Ward. The company was sold to Scripto Corp. in 1964. Scripto made cups, mugs, trays, banks and advertising items under the Florence Ceramics name, but it did not make the figurines and other items produced by the original company. Scripto closed in 1977. Reproductions of Florence Ceramics figurines made in Asia have been imported into the United States since the 1960s. The more common Florence Ceramic figurines sell for \$30 to \$50.

Q: I bought an old trunk 40 years ago and would like to know something about it. The emblem on the trunk says "Wheary Cushioned Top Wardrobe Mfg. by Wheary-Burge Trunk Co., Racine, Wisconsin." Can you tell me the vintage and value of it?

A: Wardrobe trunks were first made in the late 1800s and were especially popular in the 1920s and '30s. When stood on end, they served as a temporary "closet" for the traveler, with space for hanging clothing on one side of the open trunk and drawers for smaller items on the other side. George H. Wheary was a designer for the Hartmann Trunk Co. and was granted several patents for improvements to trunks from about 1907 to at least 1947. Wheary and fellow employee Harry Burge opened the Wheary-Burge Trunk Co. in 1922. The Wheary-Burge Cushioned Top Wardrobe came with a removable shoebox, hat carrier and laundry bag, along with 10 hangers. The cushioned top held the hangers in place. The trunk was advertised in a 1923 newspaper for \$49.50. Later, the company's name became Wheary Luggage Co. It was sold to Hartmann Luggage in 1954. Collectors today use old trunks as coffee tables or for extra storage space. The value of your trunk is \$25 to \$50.

Q: I have two 9-inch plates marked "Delfts Blauw Chemkefa." One plate pictures a small church and is titled "Hasselt Kapel." The other pictures a

man and is titled "Petrus Donders." I'd like to know something about them. Are they of any importance?

A: Your plates were made by Chemisch Keramisch Fabriek (Chemfeka Earthenware Factory), a company in the Netherlands. The trade name "Chemkefa" is an acronym of the factory name. The company started operating in 1969 and was in business for several years, but it seems to be out of business now. Chemfeka made collector plates with blue Delft (Delft Blauw) Dutch scenes. Hasselt Kapel (Hasselt Chapel), the church shown on your plate, was built before 1536 near Tilburg in the Netherlands. Peter Donders (1807-1887) was born in Tilburg and became a Roman Catholic missionary and later a priest in Surinam. Value of your 20th-century plates is about \$75 each.

Tip: Don't stack boxes of Christmas ornaments. The weight may break some of the glass ornaments.

CURRENT PRICES
Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

- ▶ Redware food mold, heart-shape depressions, manganese, pie-crust rim, Foltz, 1985, 2 x 6 3/4 inches, \$12.
- ▶ American Indian bolo tie, Zuni, cast silver, coral, turquoise, snakes, braided leather, Effie Calavaza, 2 1/4 x 3 inches, \$153.
- ▶ Mickey Mouse roller skates, metal, yellow, leather straps, box, c. 1950, 3 x 9 x 4 1/2 inches, \$180.
- ▶ Mining compass, mounted, wood tripod, John Cail, marked, 1800s, 40 x 7 inches, \$180.
- ▶ Occupational shaving mug, girl in dress blowing trumpet, name "W.J. Dorlac" on front, \$248.
- ▶ Butter paddle, horse-head handle, carved maple, Brothertown Indians, Clinton, N.Y., 1800s, 9 1/2 inches, \$415.
- ▶ Fireplace surround, double panels at top, fluted side columns, center column, 1800s, 75 x 92 inches, \$443.
- ▶ Mail Pouch thermometer, porcelain, blue ground, yellow and white lettering, "Treat yourself to the best," 74 x 20 inches, \$748.
- ▶ Solar lamp, Gothic Revival, faceted glass, bronze crocket feet, c. 1845, 9 3/4 inches, \$1,912.
- ▶ Polar bear rug, Alaska, 1959, 95 x101 inches, \$7,475.

‘Softly’ forces message, ‘Central Park’ thoughtful

By CHRISTY LEMIRE

AP Movie Critic

Writer-director Andrew Dominik's "Killing Them Softly" is an incredibly stylish genre exercise set in the world of mobsters, junkies and lowlifes, but it's also trying incredibly hard to be About Something.

Not content merely to be profane, abrasive and occasionally, darkly amusing, it also wants to be relevant. And so Dominik has taken the 1974 crime novel "Cogan's Trade" by George V. Higgins and set it in the days before the 2008 presidential election, just as the U.S. economy is in the midst of catastrophic collapse. Every television and radio is tuned to then-candidate Barack Obama or President George W. Bush addressing the nation — even in bars and thugs' cars — with the volume cranked way up, commenting all-too obviously on the film's action.

As if we couldn't decipher for ourselves that organized crime functions as its own form of capitalism, "Killing Them Softly" turns on the mini-implosion that occurs when a couple of idiots rob a mob-protected card game. Scoot McNairy plays the jittery ex-con Frankie; his inept partner in crime is an Australian heroin addict played by Ben Mendelsohn. Both are aggressively grungy. As they get away with briefcases full of cash, we hear Bush in the background, asking rhetorically, "What does this mean for your financial future?" Could it really be that obvious?

The corporate types at the top of the syndicate, represented by an uptight, humorless (and nameless) Richard Jenkins, want to restore order, so they ask Jackie Cogan, an enforcer played by Brad Pitt (star of Dominik's haunting, poetic "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford"), to investigate the heist and punish the perpetrators. This is one of those effortless Pitt performances that exemplify how beautifully he manages

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to be both a serious actor and a superstar; the slicked-back hair, aviator sunglasses and gold chains are a showy shorthand to signify he's a dangerous guy, but the consistently surprising choices he makes with the rat-a-tat dialogue reveal his character's intelligence.

Jackie brings in an old colleague, veteran hit man Mickey (James Gandolfini), to take out the robbers and send a message to the rest of the criminal world. The scenes these two actors share are by far the film's best, including one in which they sit at a bar and quietly catch up on everything from work to marriage to alcoholism; they're so different in tone from everything else, they feel like they're part of an entirely separate movie. Gandolfini's character is the only one who feels like a complete and complicated person: brazen and abusive but also sentimental and deeply insecure.

At the other end of the aesthetic spectrum is the artfully graphic pummeling some of these characters take, particularly Ray Liotta as the guy who runs the card game in question (and once got caught trying to rob it himself). The hard thwack of a fist against a jaw matches the pummel of rain and the splatter of blood. Bullets fire from a handgun in super-slow motion, piercing the raindrops, then a car window, then someone's skull. It's all very painstaking and cool-looking (the work of the gifted cinematographer Greig Fraser) but it also feels like part of a prevalent cynicism, given the film's heavy-handed message.

"America's not a country, it's just a business," Jackie declares in the film's final monologue, a message "Killing Them Softly" already had hammered pretty hard during the previous hour and a half.

"Killing Them Softly," a

Weinstein Co. release, is rated R for violence, sexual references, pervasive language and some drug use. Running time: 97 minutes. Two stars out of four.

▶ **"The Central Park Five"** — This documentary takes an emotionally charged subject — the wrongful conviction and imprisonment of five black and Hispanic teenage boys for the rape of a white, female jogger — and makes its case in a straightforward, detached manner.

It is thoughtful, educational and understated, perhaps to a fault — tonally, the trademark work of veteran documentarian Ken Burns, who directs, writes and produces this time with daughter Sarah Burns, who wrote a book about the crime, and her husband, David McMahon. It efficiently depicts, but doesn't get caught up in, the hysteria of the place and time: a racially and socioeconomically divided New York City in April 1989, when it was rotting with crack cocaine, AIDS and violent crime but also gleaming with the conspicuous consumption of the era.

The late-night attack on jogger Trisha Meili — then a 28-year-old Wall Street investment banker who's now an author and motivational speaker — became a symbol of this chasm and everything that seemed wrong with society. And the five young men from Harlem who happened to be running around Central Park that night — Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Raymond Santana, Korey Wise (previously spelled Kharey Wise), and Yusef Salaam — became all-too easy scapegoats.

"The Central Park Five" aims to clear their names publicly, once and for all, in a way that much of the press did not when a judge vacated the young men's convictions in 2002.

Not rated but contains

language and graphic, violent details. 119 minutes. Three stars out of four. — *Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic*

▶ **"Life of Pi"** — Author Yann Martel's tale of a shipwrecked youth cast adrift on a lifeboat with a Bengal tiger is one of those lyrical, internalized novels that should have no business working on the screen.

Quite possibly, it wouldn't have worked if anyone but Ang Lee had adapted it. Lee ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," "Brokeback Mountain") has crafted one of the finest entries in his eclectic resume with this gorgeous, ruminative film that is soulfully, provocatively entertaining.

The filmmaker combines a lifetime of storytelling finesse with arguably the most artful use of digital 3-D technology yet seen to bring Martel's story to life. It's a delicate narrative with visceral impact, told with an innovative style that's beguiling to watch and a philosophical voice that compassionately explores how and why we tell stories.

Newcomer Suraj Sharma stars as Pi, an Indian teen lost at sea with the ravenous big cat from his family's menagerie.

This could be a one-note story — please Mister Tiger, don't eat me. Yet Lee finds rich and clever ways to translate even Pi's stillest moments, the film unfolding through intricate flashbacks, whimsical voice-overs, harrowing sea hazards and exquisite flashes of fantasy and hallucination. The computer-animated tiger is remarkably lifelike, seamlessly blended into the live action. And as in Martin Scorsese's "Hugo," Lee's 3-D images are tantalizing and immersive, pulling viewers deeper into Pi's world so that the illusion of depth becomes essential to the story.

PG for emotional thematic content throughout, and some scary action sequences and peril. 126 minutes. Three and a half stars out of four. — *David Germain, AP Movie Writer*

ASK STACY
BY STACY JENEL SMITH

DEAR STACY: I'd like to know some background about The Lumineers. What's their story? Love the music. — **Hayley M., Battleboro, N.C.**

DEAR HAYLEY: Wesley Schultz and Jeremiah Fraites hail from Ramsey, New Jersey, a New York suburb. Schultz was best friends with Fraites' brother Josh when they were growing up. As the Lumineers' official bio states, the band's story begins in 2002, the year of Josh's drug overdose at age 19. His grief-stricken brother and friend found solace in writing and playing music. They began playing clubs, but soon realized the New York music scene wasn't for them and took off for Denver. That's where they found the third core member of the group, Neyla Pekarek, through a Craigslist ad they placed for a cellist. They became regulars at Denver's Meadowlark club, and they hit the road in a Windstar van, playing tiny gigs and honing their songs. "We were all in a place where we were ready to travel," explained Pekarek. They put out an EP in 2011 that led to their hit self-titled debut album that came out in April. They've been selling out dates on their current tour and will soon be touring with Dave Matthews.

DEAR STACY: Hearing Andy Williams' Christmas music on the radio again this year, I wondered whether any of his three children went into show business. — **Dave K., Minneapolis, Minn.**

DEAR DAVE: "My youngest boy (Robert) is in show business, producing and directing television shows that have been seen on The History Channel," the late singer told me a few years ago. "My daughter (Noelle) is married with kids — she has four of them." And elder son Christian is living and working in Costa Rica. They are now 42, 48 and 47-years-old, respectively.

DEAR STACY: Is the actress who played Agent Prentiss from "Criminal Minds" the same actress who played Baby's sister in "Dirty Dancing"? My friend says they're one and the same but I disagree. — **Danielle D., Newark, N.J.**

DEAR DANIELLE: Paget Brewster, who came to the public's attention on "Friends," played Emily Prentiss. Jane Brucker, who is a decade older, played the big sis in "Dirty Dancing."

DEAR STACY: Did Peter Billingsley continue acting after he made "A Christmas Movie"? — **Ginger B., Augusta, Ga.**

DEAR GINGER: Yes, however, as an adult his biggest credits are as an executive producer of films including "Iron Man," "The Break-Up" and "Four Christmases" — and as a director ("Couples Retreat"). He frequently collaborates with Jon Favreau and his close pal, Vince Vaughn. Billingsley does have a slew of post-"Christmas Movie" acting credits, including roles in "Iron Man," "The Break-Up," "Elf" and the 1993 film "Arcade." He starred in the latter sci fi/horror flick with Megan Ward, playing teens trapped inside a video game.

Tyson set to take show nationwide

NEW YORK (AP) — Lock up your ears — Mike Tyson's coming to a theater near you.

The former champion boxer and convicted rapist will take his one-man show "Mike Tyson: Undisputed Truth" on a three-month tour to more than a dozen cities, including Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Detroit and Washington, D.C.

The two-hour show, directed by Spike Lee and written by Tyson's wife, Kiki, debuted in Las Vegas and had a limited run on Broadway this summer. The tour starts in Indianapolis in February. The show traces Iron Mike's rise from violent street hood in Brooklyn to a fearsome athlete. Then comes the fall — prison inmate, tabloid target, cocaine and Evander Holyfield's delicious ear. There are stories about first wife Robin Givens, promoter Don King and Brad Pitt.

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DAHS students up to the Blue Devil Challenge

Lisbon David Anderson recently held its annual Blue Devil Challenge, which raised money to be distributed to Lisbon families in need. Over 250 students participated in the challenge, raising over \$3,000. During the culminating activity over \$400 in gift baskets were distributed to the students. Winners were, front, from left, Payden Chapman, Danyail Hayko, Cody Freeland; back, from left, Brandon Haldiman, Lindsy Welsh, Kyleen Culler, Logan Kress, Austin Urquhart and Jacob Brown. Not pictured was Anastasia Howe who was awarded cash for being the top fundraiser. Anyone wishing to help a Lisbon family in need this holiday season may visit the school website at www.lisbon.k12.oh.us for guidance. (Submitted photo)



East Palestine Middle School students sponsor canned food drive

The East Palestine Middle School Student Council recently sponsored a canned food drive to help out the East Palestine Social Concern. Homerooms competed against each other for a doughnut party. Two homerooms gathered the most canned food items and enjoyed doughnuts and juice on Nov. 19. The EPMS Student Council will be sponsoring Koins For Kids in December. Students will be asked to bring coins to be collected and donated to Akron Children's Hospital, Boardman Campus. Students pictured are Dalton Vance, Delaney Early, Braxton Westover, James Hall, Parker Sherry, Hannah Darlington Joey Kusior, Julianne Jones, Olivia Figley, Madison Cannon, Nick Montgomery, Sidney Shaver, Cole Rutledge, Rebecca Culler and Jenn Rhodes. Missing from the picture is Logan Kronstain. (Submitted photo)



Southern kindergartners enjoy feast Kindergarten students at Southern Local Elementary ended their fall unit with a Thanksgiving feast prepared by parents and grandparents. Students created their outfits as Pilgrims and Native Americans to wear during the feast. Top photo, from left, Piper McDaniel, Katie Board and Averie Bach. Bottom photo, Gracie Dowling, Angelo Wilson, Jazmyynn Monigold and Jacob Lemasters. (Submitted photos)

ACROSS OUR CLASSROOMS

Area students join sorority at Malone

CANTON— Three area residents were initiated into the Rho Tau chapter of Kappa Delta Pi at Malone University for the 2012 fall semester.

The students include Candace Cheuvront of Alliance, a none licensure in education major; Kanesia Sisco of Salem, a none licensure in education major; and Lydia Althouse of Winona, a sophomore intervention specialist major.

Erb chosen for National 4-H Congress

BEAVER TOWNSHIP — Emily Erb was selected to attend the National 4-H Congress which was held from Nov. 23-27, in Atlanta, Ga. Delegates to this national event were selected earlier in the year based on their documented 4-H and community achievements.

Erb has been a 4-H member for seven years and is in the Kreative Kids 4H Club. She won the Health and Safety Speaking contest at the Ohio State Fair and was the first 4-H member in Mahoning County to win this event. She is also the first 4-H member to win a trip to the National 4-H Congress. Erb is a junior at South Range High School.

The purpose of the National 4-H Congress is to reward each delegates' achievements; provide new and educational and cultural experiences; provide a forum for interaction and exchange of ideas among youth and adults; and encourage leaders of business, government, education, and public affairs to share in the development of youth. This year the theme of the congress is "Become a Catalyst of Change."

More than 1,000 youth were expected to attend the National 4-H Congress in Atlanta. Only 28 youth in Ohio were selected to attend out of more than 500 interested applicants.

Dillon is member of Kappa Psi Omega

TIFFIN — Jessie Dillon of Salem, a senior majoring in psychology, is a member of Kappa Psi Omega, one of five sororities at Heidelberg University.

Kappa Psi Omega, founded in 1968, is the largest sorority on the Heidelberg campus. Its members are represented in nearly every aspect of campus life, including academic honoraries, campus organizations, musical ensembles, theater and athletics.

The sorority annually provides service to the campus and community, including such projects as donating to women's shelters, participating in a walk/fund-raiser for diabetes, sending letters to military personnel stationed overseas, donating to the Make a Wish Foundation, actively participating in Relay for Life and volunteering at the local humane society.

Elks offering Americanism essay contest

SALEM — The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is sponsoring a 2012-13 Americanism essay contest.

This year's topic is "What Does the National Anthem Mean to Me?" Division I is for fifth and sixth grades and Division II is for seventh and eighth grades. The paperwork for this essay is available at the Salem Public Library and the local Lodge, Salem #305.

The deadline for submitting at the local level is Jan. 10, 2013 and may be mailed to Salem Elks #305, Att: Kim Chapman, 824 E. State St., Salem, Ohio 44460. The top three essays in each division will go onto the district level. Then those top three essays in each division advance to the state level. The essay is to be no more than 250 words, typed or legibly printed in ink. The cover sheet must be attached to the essay for submission.

Local students at Akron Make a Difference

AKRON — The following local students were among more than 650 University of Akron students and staff who volunteered in the Akron community for Make a Difference Day on Oct. 27.

— Alliance: Bethany Baranyk, Kimberly Caruso, Nicholas Caruso, Haley Donohoe
— Danielle Fording, Megan Kennedy, Lindsea Moore.
— Columbiana: Brandon Brooks.
— East Liverpool: Courtney Dawson, Brandon Vetter.
— Homeworth: Jessica Wallace.
— Leetonia: Eric Reese, Danielle Welton.
— Petersburg: Stephanie Chapman.
— Salem: Jonathon Morris, Megan Smith, Karli Utt.
— Salineville: Mary Brown.
— Sebring: Dakota Wagner.
— Wellsville: Zachary Koopman.

Lydic performs at Findlay's indoor concert

FINDLAY — Amanda Lydic, a senior animal science/pre-veterinary medicine major, recently performed in the University of Findlay's Marching Oiler Brass indoor concert.

Selections from the band's pregame show, "80's Dance Show," "Superhero Show" and "2012 Senior Show" were performed.

Lydic, a 2010 graduate of Salem High School, is the daughter of Chris and Ed Lydic, 889 Sunset Blvd., Salem.

At UF, Lydic participates in marching band and concert band.

Boyd sworn into Ohio State Bar Assoc.

LEETONIA — Donald T. Boyd, a 2005 graduate of Leetonia High School who recently passed the Ohio State Bar Examination, was sworn into the Ohio State Bar Association on Nov. 5.

Boyd received his juris doctorate degree in May 2012 from Capital University Law School. He currently lives in Columbus, and is the son of Scott and Deborah Boyd of Leetonia.

Kupfer is member of Orientation Team

ASHLAND — Danyelle Kupfer of Minerva is a member of the Orientation Team at Ashland University. Kupfer is majoring in digital media production.

She is the daughter of Dallas and Diane Kupfer of Minerva and a 2011 graduate of Minerva High School.

Haines member of Philalethean Society

TIFFIN — Sarah Haines of Minerva is a member of the Philalethean Society, one of five sororities at Heidelberg University. She is a senior majoring in music and business administration.

Founded in 1913, the Philalethean Society is based upon strong tradition and holds the true meaning of sisterhood. The group is involved in a number of service projects on campus and in the Tiffin community, including the Headstart Christmas party and volunteering at Kiwanis Manor, working for Habitat for Humanity, raking leaves and serving with the Mercy Hospital Transitional Unit.

"Many are called but few get up."— Oliver Herford,
American author (1863-1935)

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ROSES & THORNS

Roses to everyone taking in Saturday's Christmas parade through the downtown. Roses for those participating in it. We were glad to co-sponsor it along with the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce. Roses to Key Bank for hosting Santa Claus for the kids to visit and for also sponsoring horse-drawn carriage rides. Roses to the Interact Club of Salem for providing goody bags for kids and to the Salvation Army for the refreshments.

Roses to the proposed rezoning of nearly 7 acres on the east end from general commercial to residential multi-family for housing development. More places to live is good for business development in general. The construction itself will provide needed work for builders and contractors. Did anybody honestly think that something wasn't going to happen eventually out there on that vacant land — either via residential or commercial development? Resistance will arise from the "not in my neighborhood" sector. Not unlike, say, when the community center was proposed on the other side of town and some over there acted like the world was going to end. It hasn't. At least not yet but will on Dec. 21 if you believe in the Mayan calendar which we will save for a later discussion.

Roses to Ohio State going 12-0. How great would it have been to see an OSU-Notre Dame game this season?

Roses to people who take their time to pick up litter on the side of the road, especially to the lady who was seen picking up litter recently on route 344 between Salem and Leetonia. She was hauling a bag of someone else's litter — all while using a cane. "If someone with a cane can do this the litterbugs of this world can walk to a trash can when they stop their car!" So says a reader who suggested this rose.

Roses to Salem Police Detective David Talbert. He was recently recognized by County Prosecutor Robert L. Herron as the 2012 Columbiana County Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer. It well deserved and the city is fortunate to have such a skilled and thorough investigator. Roses to Trooper William Sattler. The 27-year veteran of the Highway Patrol was selected by his supervisors and peers as Lisbon Post Trooper of the Month. Roses to Mike Abraham. He was recently named Lisbon Police Chief after years of service. Roses to retired Lisbon chief "Buck" Higgins who retired at after serving the village for 32 years.

Thorns to the stinky water problem in Salem. Apparently the bad taste is algae-related and a vestige from our drought earlier this year. Utilities superintendent Don Weingarten and his crew are working to get it fixed. The sad part is that people pay for their water in town and shouldn't have to experience this.

Roses to Salem boys basketball coach Rich Hart. With a promising season beckoning he is sidelined after undergoing a procedure to resolve a blocked artery. We wish him a speedy recovery. The Quakers are poised to have a fine season — returning much experience and talent. Just have to win at home and win some of those close games this time around.

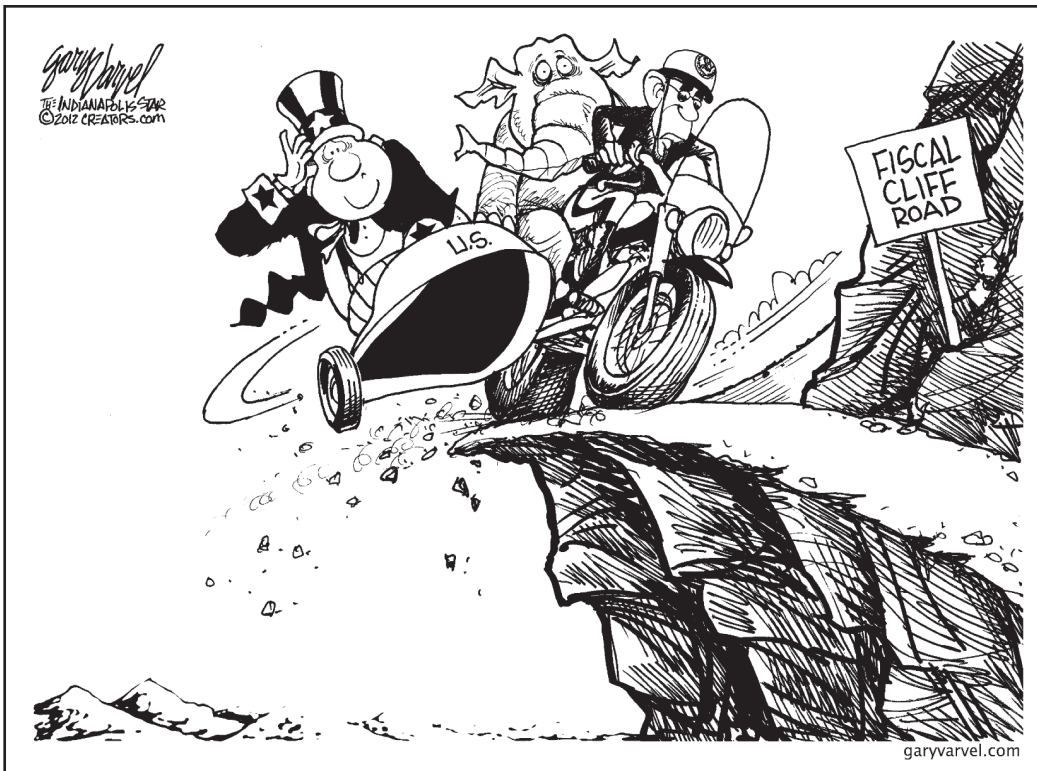
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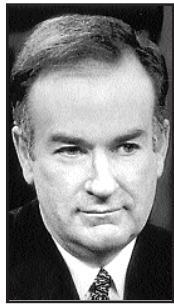
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Our teenage werewolves

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Back in the 1950s, "Little Joe Cartwright" starred in a movie called "I Was a Teenage Werewolf." That's right, after seeing a full moon, Michael Landon ran around a public high school foaming at the mouth and pretty much out of control. Since there was little difference between his behavior and that of the normal students, he got away with it for two semesters.

As I watched the film, I remember thinking that it was largely for Landon to get into college with that on his resume. But then the 1960s happened, so that was that.

This brings me to the present. My life these days is largely confronting political and social madness on television and then going home to deal with teenage drama from an almost-14-year-old girl. I vaguely remember being 14, because I was ensconced in a Catholic high school that gave out homework assignments like they were M&M's. Believe me, I had plenty of angst. But nobody paid much attention to it.

Like today, many teenagers back then brooded full time. Check out James Dean, an outstandingly cloudy guy. But now teens have two things that embolden their disenchantment: the Internet and permissive parents.

Earlier this week, I was encouraging my urchins to speed it up because the bus was coming.

"I can't go faster 'cause you're staring at me," the teen wailed.

"I'm not staring at you. I just came into the room."

"But I can see you!"

You get the idea. My daughter also did not want

to wear anything that covered her legs -- even though it was 39 degrees outside. She wanted to wear shorts. At that point, I started wishing she'd turn into a werewolf. At least the fur would keep her warm.

But it is the Internet that is truly changing the teenage dynamic in America.

It used to be that teenagers would hang out together and swap stories of woe. I remember seeing Billy Joel and his crew at stores on Levittown Parkway. They were just slouching around the same as my guys were. Just being with other teenagers was comforting, but we actually had to leave our houses to do that. Now, teens can gang-brood from their rooms on the Net.

Because nearly every awful occurrence is highlighted on various Facebook pages, teenagers now find it easier to justify their own craziness. "How can you criticize me for getting a C when Shelley got all F's and crashed her dad's car?" That kind of thing.

Nothing is private anymore. Teenagers are subjected to (and some participate in) incredibly destructive behavior online.

And parents have few options. Even if you ban home computers, handheld devices are all over the place. You'd have to put a full-time bodyguard on the child in order to provide complete protection.

In the end, all parents can do is try their best to impose a sense of responsibility on their kids. But don't expect any appreciation, and be watchful at all times. Kids today are growing up at warp speed; the machines march them into adulthood way before they're ready.

Even with fangs, Landon had it easier.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Pinheads and Patriots: Where You Stand in the Age of Obama." To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

Obama the Job-Killing Owl-Killer

MICHELLE
MALKIN

Welcome to the pretzel logic of liberal environmental protection: In order to "save" owls, the Obama administration is going to shoot them dead.

This is not — I repeat *not* — an Onion parody.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, the White House released a big fat policy turkey: its final critical habitat rule for the endangered northern spotted owl. The Obama plan will lock up 9.6 million acres of land

(mostly, but not all, federal) in Oregon, Washington and northern California. This is nearly double the acreage set aside by the Bush administration. Thousands of timber workers (along with untold thousands of related support jobs) will be threatened in the name of sparing a few thousand spotted owls from extinction.

As House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings, R-Wash., pointed out earlier this year, timber-dependent counties hit hard by the federal land grab and unending environmental litigation remain racked by high unemployment. "The loss in economic activity caused by the original spotted owl plan caused an astounding decrease in federal tax receipts of nearly \$700 million per year — all from rural Northwest communities."

Despite two decades of massive government intervention and the near-destruction of the northwest timber industry, the furry bird is vanishing faster than ever. According to the Smithsonian Magazine, "(t)imber harvest on 24 million acres of federal land had dropped 90 percent from its heyday" by the year 2000. Yet, northern spotted owls are now "disappearing three times faster than biologists had feared." Indeed, spotted owl populations in key parts of Washington State "are half what they were in the 1980s." And overall, the bird has seen a 40 percent decline over the past 25 years, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Punishing loggers and bringing the timber industry to its knees have made vengeful environmental groups fat and happy. But the northern spotted owl they claim to care so much about is catastrophically worse off thanks to green zealotry. One root cause: habitat loss (thanks in part to rag-

ing wildfires resulting from poor forest management and green opposition to thinning/controlled burns).

The other major, nonhuman culprit: the barred owl.

These barred owls began migrating from the East Coast in the 1950s, and the USFWS reports that the larger, more aggressive and more adaptable birds "are known to displace spotted owls, disrupt their nesting and compete with them for food." Barred owls are more prolific breeders, less finicky about their food and less picky about where they live. They also don't bow down before the Endangered Species Act or the hallowed "threatened" status of its weaker brethren. They are brutal predators known to slam into spotted owls, slicing them with their talons and decapitating them in their nests.

Conservation groups whine that barred owls are victims of "scapegoating." But USFWS Director Dan Ashe spoke the truth earlier this year: "We can't ignore the mounting evidence that competition from barred owls is a major factor in the spotted owl's decline."

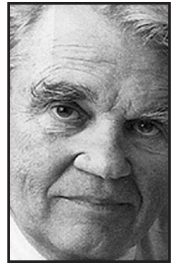
Instead of admitting failure and letting nature take its course, however, command-and-control bureaucrats have appointed themselves Mother Nature's judges, juries and executioners. Their "main priority" is "reducing competition from barred owls." How? By gunning them down. Final details are still in the works, but the agency has floated past removal schemes that involve "luring territorial barred owls into close range ... using recorded calls and an owl decoy. ... A shotgun would be used to prevent wounding and ensure rapid and humane death." Experts say such an eradication plan would need to continue for centuries.

Twenty years of regulatory salvation have failed the northern spotted owl. Who believes that another top-down government exercise in species engineering — this time backed with bullets — will do the trick? When the government picks winners and losers, taxpayers always get screwed. No matter the job losses. No matter the death toll. Arrogant and unaccountable central planners never give a hoot.

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Try some of these tidbits for Christmas

Classic
Andy
Rooney

(This classic column was originally published Dec. 24, 1987.)

Bells are ringing like mad and shoppers are flooding the stores, so I guess it's not too early anymore to talk about Christmas.

Following are a few things you may not have known about Christmas, and several things you know

but may like to be reminded of:

— You do know what a manger is, don't you? It's the trough or box from which horses eat their grain or hay. The shape of a manger makes an ideal emergency crib or cradle for a baby.

— Some rhymes and phrases have become part of our common knowledge for reasons that are hard to understand.

"'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." We all know and like that silly little bit of poetry written by Clement Moore in "A Visit from St. Nicholas." The poem was originally was printed in the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel, but if someone wrote the same lines today and sent them to the local newspaper and got them printed on the letters page, I don't think they'd catch on and become immortal.

— It was Dec. 25, 1776, when George Washington crossed the Delaware to lead his troops against the Hessians fighting as mercenaries for the British during the Revolutionary War. It was a terrible way to spend Christmas, but the next day Washington's men captured 1,000 Hessian soldiers, so it made it all worthwhile.

— For 20 years, I've used what's called a "Phillips Brooks" calendar. Phillips Brooks was a clergyman who died in 1893, and he must have been quite a guy. He wrote: "O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by."

The first of the year is going to be a sad day for me, though, because, for the first time, the Samuel Ward Co. of Boston is not publishing a Phillips Brooks calendar.

The calendar is unique, because the days of each week are listed in a column, from top to bottom, instead of across. In other words, on a Phillips Brooks calendar, all the Mondays are in one line across, all the Tuesdays on the next line across, and so on.

— In my dictionary, "myrrh" and "frankincense" each has the same definition: "an aromatic gum from a small African tree."

— The earliest traces of a Dec. 25 celebration predate Christ by several hundred years. Historians think the Romans celebrated the day as a victory over darkness because they thought it was the day following the shortest day of the year. They missed by two days. The exact date of Christ's birth is unknown for certain.

— Years ago, I bought a book called "Folklore from Adams County Illinois." It must list every old wives' tale there ever was, and it has lots of sayings about Christmas: "A Christmas gift of an umbrella will break up a courtship." "It is unlucky to kill a fly on Christmas."

"Never sew or knit between Christmas and the fourth day of the new year." "The one who on Christmas Day is the first to say 'Merry Christmas' will have good luck throughout the year." "When there is snow on the ground at Christmas, there will be fewer deaths that year."

It's depressing to consider that there were people who actually believed these things, and even more depressing to realize there are people today who believe comparable absurdities. Other than that, though, I hope you have a good Christmas.

It's my favorite day of the year and I hope it's yours. If there's anything better than Christmas, it's the day it's over.



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Obama pointing extortion pistol at the GOP



PAT BUCHANAN

Were the average Republican asked for a succinct statement of his views on taxation, he or she might respond thus: "U.S. tax rates are too high for the world we must compete in. The tax burden — federal, state, local, together — is too heavy. We need to cut tax rates to free up our private and productive sector and pull this economy out of the ditch." This core conviction holds the party together. Yet today the leadership is about to abandon this conviction to sign on to higher tax rates or revenues, while the economy is nearing stall speed. Yet, two years ago, President Obama himself extended the Bush tax cuts because, he said, you do not raise taxes in a recovering economy. Why are Republicans negotiating this capitulation? Because they have been warned

that if they do not sign on to a tax hike, they will take us all over a fiscal cliff. If we go over, Republicans are being told, you will be responsible for tax hikes on all Americans as the Bush tax cuts expire on Jan. 1. You will be responsible for a surge in tax rates on dividends, interest, capital gains, estates. You will be responsible for an automatic sequester catastrophic to the national defense. This is the pistol Obama is pointing at the GOP. This is extortion. Republicans are being told that they either vote for something they believe to be wrong and ruinous — or get something worse. Pay the ransom, fellas, Obama is demanding, or take the blame for a second recession. Like the Panama Canal debate that made Ronald Reagan a hero, this is a defining moment. No GOP senator who agreed to the Carter-Torrijos treaty ever made it onto a national ticket. What are the perils for Republicans who sign on to an Obama deal? They will sever themselves permanently from much of the base of the party. While their votes may ensure that tax rates or revenues rise,

they will have no assurance that the promised spending cuts will ever be made. Even Reagan felt victim to this bait-and-switch. Then, if the tax hikes slow the economy, Republican collaborators will share the blame. Not only will they have gone back on their word, they will have damaged the recovery. What would be their argument for re-election? If you believe higher tax rates or tax revenues would be like poisoning an already weak economy, why would you collaborate in administering that poison? Why not just say no? Having lost the presidency and seats in both houses, Republicans should not partner with a president with whom they disagree on principle. They should act as the loyal opposition in a parliamentary system whose duty it is to oppose, to offer an alternative agenda and to wait upon the success or failure of the government, as Labor is doing in Britain and the conservatives are doing in France. What should Speaker John Boehner do? Tell the president politely that America's problem is not that we are taxed too little but that we

spend too much — and the GOP will not sign on either to tax rate or tax revenue increases. For Republicans believe that would further injure the economy — especially an economy limping along at between 1 and 2 percent growth. Then Boehner should depart the White House, go back up to the Hill and urge his Republican caucus to do two things. Pass an extension of the Social Security payroll tax cut and block its automatic rise from 4.2 percent of wages to 6.2 percent. To raise that tax now and scoop off the discretionary income of most of America's families in this anemic economy makes no sense economically or politically. The House should then vote to extend the Bush tax cuts for another year, with a pledge to do tax reform — lowering tax rates in return for culling, cutting or capping deductions for the well-to-do in the new year. Then let Harry Reid work his will. If the Senate votes to let Social Security taxes rise, let Harry and his party explain this to the middle class that gets hammered in January. If the Senate votes to let the Bush tax cuts lapse for those over

\$200,000, decide in the caucus whether to negotiate — or to go home for Christmas and New Year's. As for the automatic sequester that would impose \$100 billion in cuts next year, half in defense, do nothing. Let it take effect. The budget has to be cut, and while these cuts are heavy on defense, the depth and mixture can be adjusted in the new year. If Republicans walk away from tax negotiations with the White House, market investors, anticipating a sharp rise in tax rates on dividends, interest and capital gains next year, will start dumping stocks, bonds and investments to take advantage of the last year of lower taxes. The market may tank. Let the party of high taxes explain it. Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of "Suicide of a Superpower: Will America Survive to 2025?" To find out more about Patrick Buchanan and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate webpage at www.creators.com. COPYRIGHT 2012 CREATORS.COM

YOUR SIDE

THE READERS TAKE OVER

Opposed to TV violence

To the editor: I think TV violence is not very cool. I always hear kids in school talking about decapitated zombies and what-not. One reason for why this is wrong is because the people who create these shows and movies are teaching little kids that it's OK to fight! Another reason is that nobody cares about the ratings so they don't care about what their kids are watching, so of course, they become more and more involved with violence. The final reason it that when the parents watch these things, they think it's OK to cuss or swear around their children, which causes them to do it because they think it's OK. In conclusion, I don't like TV violence, and I don't think people should allow it!

KENDALL SHAW, Salem

How pathetic is sending off money?

To the editor: Our best interests? With our country already hanging on a fiscal cliff, and our infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.) in desperate need of repair, we are again sending billions and billions of dollars to Israel, the Palestinians, the Egyptians, and Hamas to beg them to stop fighting. How pathetic is this? This is just another Band-Aid on a religious war that has been going on for hundreds of years between the

Jews and the Arabs. I think Israel, (probably accomplished mostly through their incredibly powerful Jewish Congressional lobby), has saddled us poor taxpayers with some sort of a financial Holocaust? I'm not anti-Semetic, just pro-American and am sad to see this happen.

CHARLES OLIVER, New Waterford

Be thankful this holiday season

To the editor: Thanksgivings came and gone, and for many it has just become another holiday. It has become a day off work, a day to get together with friends and family, a day to eat until you cannot eat another bite. Is this really the purpose of Thanksgiving? Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for the blessings we all take so lightly. It is a day to be thankful that you have a job, you have family and friends to fellowship with and you have food to eat. Too many times we take lightly all the blessings we each enjoy. Thank the people around you that give you all the blessings you enjoy. We many times fall into the trap of being thankful for the gifts we receive, but never thank the gift giver. This holiday season re-think the purpose you celebrate Thanksgiving, and become truly thankful.

KATIE MARSH, Salem

Bing Crosby would be appalled



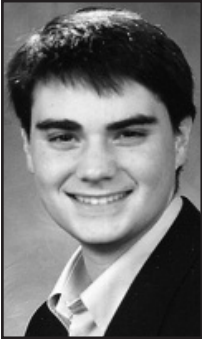
LEONARD PITTS

Bing Crosby would be appalled. With singer Carol Richards, the great crooner once popularized a song, "Silver Bells," about the joy of Christmas shopping. "Strings of street lights," it went, "even stop lights, blink a bright red and green as the shoppers rush home with their treasures." Of course, that was in 1950, a more genteel era when men still wore hats and women still wore gloves. These days, one would be well-advised to wear Kevlar. In 2008, a Walmart worker named Jdimytai Damour was trampled to death by a mob of holiday shoppers who broke down the doors of a store in Valley Stream, N.Y. In 2011 a woman in Los Angeles used pepper spray on a group of shoppers vying for video game consoles. That pleasant chore of holiday shopping about which Crosby sang has long since mutated into an annual ritual of mass psychosis called Black Friday. About the best that can be said of this year's Black Friday is that nobody died. Two people were shot in Tallahassee, Fla., in what police say was a dispute over a parking space. In San Antonio, a man allegedly cut the line and punched a guy who complained. The guy who was punched pulled a gun. In Moultrie, Ga., there was a near riot over cellphones. In Sacramento, Calif., a man threatened to stab anybody who pushed his kids. And as people were thus celebrating the season of thanksgiving, redemption and light, the Rev. Nancy was saying grace over two cups of Jell-O. She is my pastor's mother, a preacher in her own right, who took ill on Thanksgiving eve and had to be rushed to the emergency room. She spent the holiday in the hospital and her son was so moved by watching her give thanks for Jell-O that he preached about it Sunday. Maybe you say to yourself, well, yeah, but what is Jell-O to be thankful for? Especially when everybody else is gorging on turkey and ham and dressing and greens and mac and cheese and pies and cakes? But when your last meal was intravenous, Jell-O is quite a lot. This is not a church, so there will be no sermon,

only an observation that, whatever one's belief structure or lack thereof, there is something to be said for learning to be content in the face of circumstances you cannot change. Otherwise, you are in for a bumpy ride through this life. Folks forget that sometimes. Heck, folks forget it all the time. "The trouble with you and me, my friend," Don Henley once sang, "is the trouble with this nation. Too many blessings, too little appreciation." Or as the serenity prayer puts it: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." Such sentiments are necessarily at odds with the cult of consumption and its belief that one is incomplete until one buys what the store is selling, that one can change one's entire life, find wholeness and a better self, in the things one owns. It is a faith — the word is used advisedly — that finds expression each year in scenes of people surging into temples of commerce, pulling guns and getting into fistfights while trying to buy things they feel they need. But the things we need most in this life cannot be found in temples of commerce or bought at any price. Did more of us know that, back in the era when men still wore hats and women gloves? Maybe. Or maybe that's just a trick of memory, painting olden days in sepia tones. So fine. No olden days; no sepia tones here. But you don't have to go back to 1950 to marvel at how some of us define what matters in this life. You can just go back to last week, to a holiday weekend some folks spent camping at the mall and punching one another in the face — and at least one of us spent in a hospital bed giving thanks for Jell-O. Something in that juxtaposition makes you want to pause, reconfigure your ideas of what truly matters in this life and what, ultimately, does not. Perhaps that's only to be expected when a woman is able to locate grace in a gelatin snack as the shoppers rush home with their treasures.

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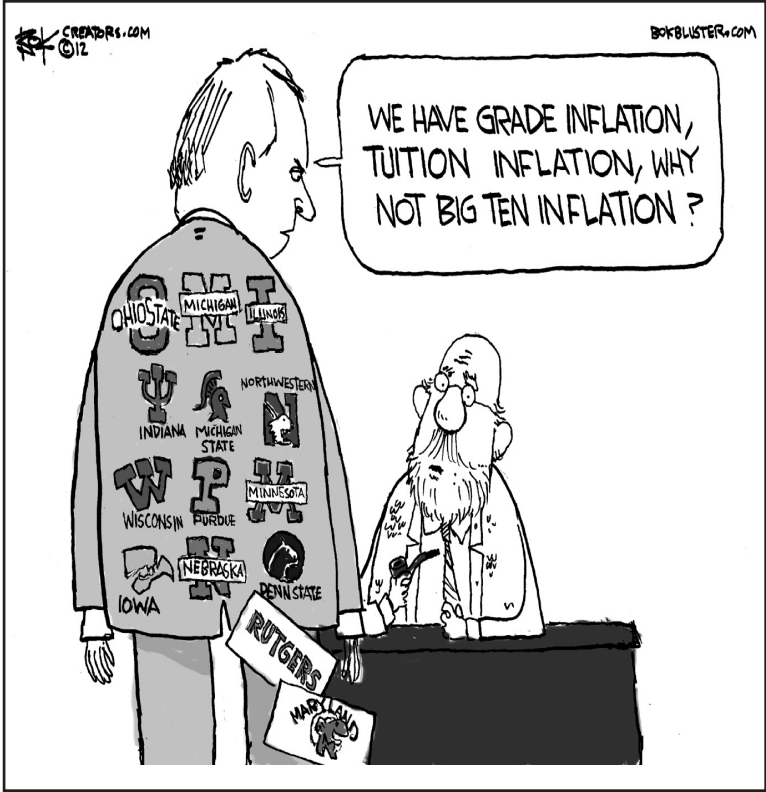
Blame the Republicans



BEN SHAPIRO

America is about to plunge over the so-called fiscal cliff — and Americans are fighting mad about it. According to the latest polls, 77 percent of Americans believe that the fiscal cliff — a combination of automatic tax increases and spending cuts set to kick in at the beginning of 2013 — will hurt them personally. A full 70 percent of Americans want a compromise solution. And 67 percent believe that political leaders will act like "spoiled children." Most important, though, Americans blame Republicans for the situation. While just 34 percent of Americans blame President Obama for the current fiscal cliff impasse, 45 percent blame Congressional Republicans. This seemingly makes no sense: it's Obama who has incentive to watch America fly off the fiscal cliff, raising taxes and slashing the military budget in his wake. Republicans would prefer to avoid both eventualities. Actually, Republicans want to avoid the fiscal cliff so much that they're talking about eliminating tax deductions, even as Democrats refuse to put a single spending cut on the table. Democrats are the roadblock to a solution here. But on the other hand, it's Republicans who put themselves in this situation. The fiscal cliff exemplifies Republican spinelessness. It was Republican spinelessness back in 2011 that led to Republican spinelessness now. Back in 2011, Republicans objected to yet another attempt by the Congressional Democrats to raise the debt limit. They had a choice: either allow government to shut down temporarily while a real solution was found to America's spending addiction, or come to a long-term agreement on budgetary issues before raising the debt limit. The Democrats had two priorities: raise the debt limit, and push the issue of debt off until beyond the 2012 re-election campaign for President Obama. And Republicans caved.

They came to an agreement with Democrats under which a super committee — six Senators and six Representatives, split parties — would get together and decide how to cut \$1.2 trillion from the budget. If they failed to reach an agreement, an automatic series of cuts and tax increases would take place. All of this would happen post-election. The Republican strategy here seemed to be to put a loaded gun to their own temple, then threaten Democrats that if they didn't compromise, Republicans would pull the trigger. Democrats were fine with the consequences of super committee failure: the American public would get soaked to pay for unaffordable social programs. In fact, the consequences of super committee failure are the central philosophy of the Democratic Party platform. Republicans, on the other hand, would be hosed by the results of a super committee failure. The deal, for conservatives, was a dud. But not for Democrats. So Democrats refused to come to any real solutions in the super committee sessions. And now we're at the fiscal cliff. And President Obama laughs as we go sailing off of it. The American people find themselves in the uncomfortable position of Wile E. Coyote suddenly realizing that he's standing in mid-air. So, will Republicans cave on taxes? In all likelihood, they will, if only because half a pie is better than no pie at all. But if they do, they'll be violating promises they made to their constituents about taxes. We can only hope they do. The only Republicans seriously considering raising taxes or eliminating deductions are folks who fought for the super committee non-solution in the first place. They purposefully stepped on a land mine and then claimed duress. Now it's up to the conservative base to put them under real electoral duress. Ben Shapiro, 28, is a graduate of UCLA and Harvard Law School, a radio host on KRLA 870 Los Angeles, and Editor-At-Large for Breitbart News. He is the four-time bestselling author of "Primetime Propaganda." To find out more about Ben Shapiro and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.



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ENGAGEMENTS/WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations from the Salem News!



Julie Jensen exchanges vows with Kurt Del Favero

The Bertram Inn in Aurora was the site of the double-ring wedding ceremony of Julie Jensen and Kurt Del Favero on Sept. 2. Wayne Doberstyn officiated at the couple's 5 p.m. ceremony.

Nuptial music was provided by Tonya Daugherty.

The mothers of the couple presided at the unity candle lighting. Readings were provided by Lisa Bezon, the bride's cousin, and Sara Szweda.

Zach Bezon, the bride's cousin, distributed wedding programs.

Brooks Bezon, the bride's godson, and Jake Bezon, the bride's cousin, attended to the wedding runner.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Joyce Jensen of 4734 Depot Road, Salem.

The bridegroom's parents are William and Kay Del Favero of 956 E. 15th St., Salem.

Escorted and given in marriage by her parents, the bride was attired in a one-shoulder short dress in white. The gown was enhanced with an ostrich feather skirt and the bodice was covered with lace and crystals. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of white peonies with white



Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Del Favero

ostrich feathers and crystals. Her hairpiece was comprised of white ostrich feathers held together with a crystal hair pin.

Emery Jensen, the bride's niece, was the flower girl.

The ring bearer was Cole Jensen, the bride's nephew.

The bride received a bachelor's of science degree in nursing from Kent State University. She is currently employed as a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Hillcrest Hospital. The bridegroom is the

co-owner of Great Looks Painting. He graduated from KSU with a bachelor's of arts degree.

Approximately 90 guests attended the reception at the Bertram Inn. Out-of-town guests attended from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, New York and New Jersey.

A dinner was held the night before the wedding at the El Camino restaurant in Aurora, hosted by the bridegroom's parents.

Following a honeymoon to Mexico, the couple resides in Lakewood.

Kasey Baker weds Jason Hudson

Kasey Baker became the bride of Jason Hudson on Sept. 15 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in East Palestine.

The bride is the daughter of Kevin and Deb Baker of New Waterford.

The bridegroom's parents are John Hudson and Sharon Hudson of Greencastle, Pa.

Father Dan Cipar officiated at the ceremony.

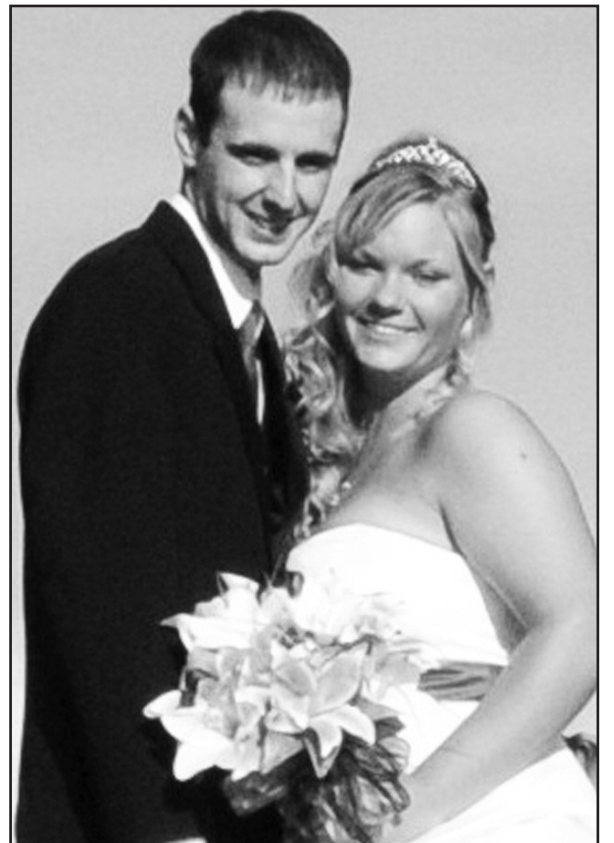
The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. She wore a satin pick-up ball gown with a watermelon sash around the waist. She carried a bouquet of stargazer lilies with black and pink ribbon intertwined.

Susan Baker, the bride's sister in law, served as matron of honor in a watermelon pick-up ball gown.

In matching gowns were Shannon Fieldhouse and Kelsie Markijohn, both cousins of the bride; Rachell Baker, the bride's sister-in-law; Beth Miller; and Alexa Baker, the bride's niece.

Paul Newman served as best man.

Groomsmen were Mike and Travis Hudson, the bridegroom's brothers;



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Hudson

Kurt, Keith and Kaleb Baker, the bride's brothers.

Brianna Baker was the flower girl, the bride's niece.

The ring bear was Will Hudson, the bridegroom's nephew.

The rehearsal dinner

was held at Das Dutch Haus in Columbiana.

A reception was held for 275 guests at St. Jude Hall in Columbiana.

After a honeymoon trip to Hocking Hills, the couple resides in New Waterford.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND MORE...

Sara Michelle Miller marries Ryan Walter Ogrodnik

Sara Michelle Miller and Ryan Walter Ogrodnik were married June 16 at St. Charles Catholic Church in Boardman. A reception followed at The Lake Club in Poland. The bride is the daughter of Dennis and Linda Miller of Columbiana. The bridegroom's parents are Ronald and Cheryl Ogrodnik of Canfield.

The bride wore a strapless, fitted ivory satin gown with beading and rhinestone embellishments on the sweetheart neckline, bodice and train. Her headpiece was a beaded and rhinestone band with an attached fingertip veil. Her bouquet consisted of cream calla lilies and red roses, and was entwined with her great-grandmother's pearl necklace, and her maternal and paternal grandmothers' engagement rings.

Dressed in black chiffon strapless gowns with ivory sashes were her attendants, Abby Miller, the bride's sister; Alyson Beiling and Emily Beiling, the bride's nieces; McKenzie Ogrodnik, the bride-



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Walter Ogrodnik

groom's sister; and Emily Mongillo, Brandy Enterline, Stephanie Lavanty, Jennifer Murdock and Amanda Neiheisel.

The flower girl was Rachel Swartz, the bridegroom's niece.

Joseph Ferri served as the best man.

Groomsmen were Ryan Beiling, the bride's brother; Dustin Swartz, the bridegroom's brother-in-

law; Timothy Loos, Marc Tiberia, James Kent, Jason Murdock, Patrick Lavanty, Joseph Thomas and Nicholas Monaco.

Brady Swartz, the bridegroom's nephew, was the ring bearer.

The bride is employed at Columbiana Middle School, and the bridegroom at Robert Morris College. They reside in Columbiana.

LHS '51 to hold breakfast

LEETONIA — The Leetonia High School Class of 1951 will meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. Dec. 4 at the Salem Hills Golf and Country Club.

Historical society sets dance

DEERFIELD — The Deerfield Historical Society will host a dance from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Monday at the Deerfield Town Hall, 1450 state Route 14. Refreshments are available for purchase. Admission is \$3 per person.

DARE activities announced

BOARDMAN — Divorce/Death Aren't Really the End meets at 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Disciples Christian Church, 565 Boardman-Canfield Road.

Activities this month include:

Dec. 4, 11, 18: Dance classes, 7 p.m., Judy Conti's, Austintown.

Dec. 12: Volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank, 5-7 p.m.

Dec. 14: Christmas lights in Columbiana, meet at 6 p.m. at Das Dutch Haus.

Dec. 15: Lunch at MVR Club and Arts Museum tour, noon.

Dec. 17: Meet-up, 7 p.m., Mocha House, Boardman.

Dec. 20: Christmas gift exchange at the church, 7:30 p.m.; bring a \$10 gift.

Dec. 21: Lobby of Movies 8, Shops of Boardman Park, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 22, 29: Bowling at Boardman Lanes, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 28: Card night, 6-10 p.m., Denny's in Boardman.

For more information call 330-533-7062, 330-729-0127 or 330-793-1484.

Christian women to meet

COLUMBIANA — Community Christian Women will meet on Dec. 10 at the Nazarene Church in Columbiana. The Bell Quartet of Mount Olivet Church will present "The Bells of Christmas." A luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$6. Reservations should be called to your church representative by Dec. 6. All others may call Carolyn Beck at 330-482-2155 or Helen Winegord at 330-482-2152. All women in the area are invited to attend this Christmas program and asked to bring non-perishable food gifts to be given to the Way Station.

TOPS 1380 holds meeting

SALEM — TOPS 1380 met Nov. 26 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with Jeannie Luxeuil leading the TOPS pledge. The KOPS pledge was led by Margaret Phillips, Dorothy Mussler and Cora Jean Briggs. Tye Wehr presented awards to Linda Cook, best loser;

and Phillips, KOPS. Briggs celebrated her 55th wedding anniversary. Eleanor May read for the "circle of light." Weigh-ins will begin at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 3 prior to the Christmas party.

Legion 76 auxiliary meets

SEBRING — American Legion Post 76 Ladies Auxiliary met recently with President Judy Hubbs presiding. She announced 104 members have paid their dues. The goal is 164. The dues are \$22 and are now due. Thank-you letters were received from various members and groups due to the donations and cards sent by the auxiliary. Donations were also given to area agencies. The auxiliary continues to collect coupons for the German Commissary, accepting all cut-out coupons up to three months expired. Coupons may be given to any auxiliary member or dropped off at the legion. Restaurant or store coupons are not accepted. The monthly spaghetti dinners will no longer be served due to poor attendance.

The veterans dinner and the Veterans Day luncheon was a success. The legion's children's Christmas party begins at 1 p.m. Dec. 15. All children planning to attend must be signed-up in the bar area of the legion. Members will be wrapping gifts at 6:30 Dec. 14 and are to bring wrapping paper, scissors and tape.

Members will meet at 10 a.m. Dec. 15 at the legion and travel to Crandall to take gifts to the veterans. The next meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12 at the post featuring the annual Christmas party.

Women's Club installs officers

COLUMBIANA — Officers were inducted when the Columbiana Women's Club Board met Nov. 26 with 14 members in attendance. The 2013 officers are Pat Tingle, president; Pat Keylor, vice president; Mary Louise Dicken, treasurer; Dawn Lichtenwalner, secretary; and Janet Tatman, assistant secretary/treasurer.

Plans were finalized for the brunch and Christmas home tours from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 7, 8 and 11. Tickets are \$15 each and available at Vivian's Antiques on Main Street.

Activities for 2013 were discussed and include an herb and garden symposium from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 20 at Grace Church. Cost is \$30 and includes coffee and pastries and lunch and a drawing for a door prize.

Lunch and Learn Series of luncheons and programs will again be held. Events include either a garden tea party or garden tours with a luncheon, a prom dress exchange/purchase, geranium and poinsettia sales and the Christmas luncheon and home tours.

R-Weigh weight groups hold Christmas party

SALEM — The weekly R-Weigh weight groups met at the Faith Chapel. A loss of 44 pounds was recorded for two weeks.

The Nov. 19 afternoon meetings good losers were JoAnne Bogdan and Sylvia Eller. Rachel Weaver was the goalie for the week and also won the can-do monetary drawing.

The evening group enjoyed an entertaining Christmas party after dinner at Das Dutch Haus with Margie Dale, dressed as an elf, along with a surprise Santa Claus, passed out gifts to the members.

Each member received a goody bag made by Carol Held and a candy cane favor made by Birdie Reinhart. Fruit baskets made by Reinhart and Linda Lude along with large fresh pineapples and gift certificates were given as door prizes.

Lude presented her written Christmas poem and led the singing of Christmas carols. Dale announced that a \$175 monetary

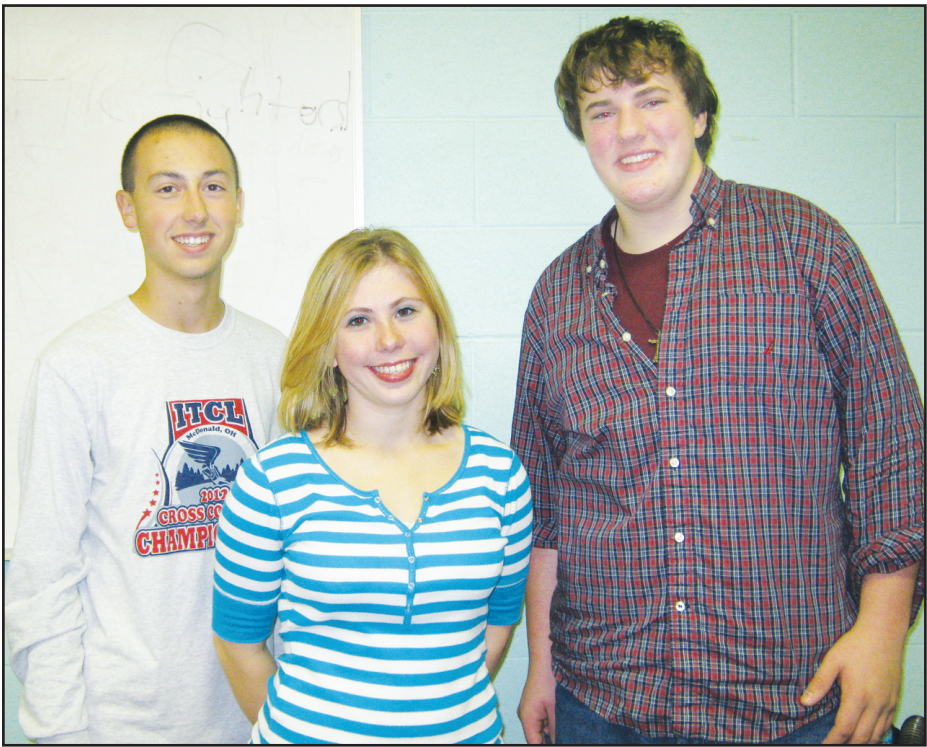
gift was given to the Salvation Army by the members. A monetary appreciation gift was given to leader Gerry Heffinger from the members.

At the Nov. 26 meeting, the good loser for the week was Mary Hefner. Sandy McGarr and Jo Carol Gray were the goalies. Roni Fauver and Lude won the can-do monetary drawings. The turkey contest winners at the afternoon group were Rene Haver, Joyce Sanders, Eller and Bogdan. The evening winners were Donna Greenamyer, Nancy Stryfeler, Sandy Shipton, Diane Hart, Jane Menough, Reinhart, Dale and Hefner.

The afternoon group weigh-ins are from 11:30 a.m. to noon Dec. 3 with the Christmas party at Adele's Place at 12:15 p.m. The evening group will have its annual fun auction buying items with play money they received of \$1 for each pound they lost so far in 2012.



The Western Reserve Rangers 4-H Club recently met, handing out awards to its members. Top left, club advisors at the 2012 4-H volunteer banquet; top right, Secretary Jena Styka presents the 4-H Spirit Award to Olivia Haid; left, club officers Ian Hames, Jena Styka and Levi Smith present members with their "4-H Certificate of Achievement." (Submitted photos)



Western Reserve Rangers present 'spirit' award

BERLIN CENTER — Olivia Haid was presented "the 4-H Spirit Award" by club secretary Jena Styka when the Western Reserve Rangers 4-H met for its annual Member Recognition Night. The November meeting was conducted by Levi Smith and Ian Hames. Smith read a thank-you note from Hope 4 Women International from Tempe, Ariz, thanking the local 4-H club for the 27 dresses the members made and donated to their organization. The dresses will be taken by missionaries to various world countries for young women and girls.

The 2013 "4-H Family Guide" was available and advisor Robin Reph reminded everyone that they could select their projects and get an early start on the 2013 4-H year. Club officers Ian Hames, Levi Smith and Styka presented the members with their 4-H

Certificates of Achievement, the Canfield Fair exhibit premiums and their project ribbons. They also congratulated all club advisors for their many years as a 4-H club volunteers. Styka was recognized for being part of the entertainment for the volunteer banquet. Robert and Tiffany Volland along with Olivia Haid served the refreshments.

Western Reserve Rangers will meet on Jan. 10, 2013, for their organizational meeting. Those interested in joining 4-H are welcome to attend this meeting. Eligibility for 4-H membership begins when a child is enrolled in the third grade and at least 8 years of age as of Jan. 1 of the current year and ends Dec. 31 of the year in which an individual attains the age of 19. For more information contact Jan and Kathleen Moser at 330-547-7422.

Damascus Ruritans host West Branch administrator

DAMASCUS — Matt Manley, formerly West Branch Middle School principal was the guest speaker when the Damascus Ruritan Club met in November. Dinner was served to 23 members and guest by the ladies of the Damascus United Methodist Church. Manley spoke about his new role with the West Branch School System as staff development coordinator. He will train the West Branch Local staff in areas such as instruction, technology, testing and teacher evaluation. Paul Givens was installed as a new member and placed on the Environmental Committee, chaired by Al Lutiz.

The annual Ohio District Ruritan Convention was held Nov. 10 at the First Christian Church in Alliance. Roger Smith gave an update on the Light-Up-Damascus event on

Dec. 8. The board presented three recommendations to the membership, to make monetary donations to the Goshen- Butler Community Fund, the Damascus United Methodist Church, and the Light-Up Damascus Project, all of which were approved by the membership.

The Ruritan National Convention will be held Jan. 24-26, 2013, in Covington, Ky. He encouraged members to take advantage of the close proximity of distance for travel to the convention. The club's annual Christmas party will be held Dec. 13 at the Damascus United Methodist Church. A social hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Members rang bells for the Salvation Army on Nov. 23 at Thorne's in the College Plaza, Alliance.

Send community-related items and photos, including weddings, engagements and anniversaries to: Community Desk, Salem News, P.O. Box 268, Salem, OH 44460; e-mails at: salemnews@salemnews.net.

Winona Ruritans approve 2013 slate of officers

WINONA—The Winona Ruritan Club met on Nov. 13 at the Winona Methodist Church. Members of the Ladies Hazel Circle of the church served the meal. Thirty members were present. Elmer R. Stamp lead the group in singing "Happy Birthday" to members Rob Donaldson, Wayne Herron and Leonard Lance. Congratulations were extended to member Jim Coy and his wife Esther for celebrating 60 years of wedded bliss and to member Don Sanor and his wife Ruth who are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. Secretary Lee Stamp read the minutes of the October meeting and the November board of directors meetings and both were approved as given. Treasurer Bob Doyle gave the financial report which was approved as given.

President John Stamp presented the state officers for 2013. Nominated are President Homer Althouse, Vice President John Stamp, Treasurer Bob Doyle, Secretary Lee

Stamp, Three-Year Director Dean Sidewell, Two-Year Director Rob Donaldson and One-Year Director Chip Althouse. Chris Stamp moved the nominations be closed and the state of officers be unanimously approved. Donovan Winn introduced his guest for the evening, Bob Winn.

Donovan Winn made a motion to increase the yearly dues due to the ever increasing cost of food to prepare the meals, motion passed. Secretary Lee Stamp reminded everyone that the December meeting is moved ahead by one week due to the holidays.

Reservations for the member and guest dinner must be made by Dec. 8. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Jim Mohr reported the cost of purchasing T-shirts for the members to wear at the fund raiser and community events. John Stamp referred the matter to the board of directors.

SALEM

DURING THE CIVIL WAR

With the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the Salem Historical Society would like to recall our local activities during the years, 1861-1865. At the same time, we would like to learn stories of local citizens. If you have a story or photo you could share with us, we would be appreciative. You can contact the Salem Historical Society at 330-337-8514 or TheSalemHistoricalSociety@gmail.com if you have items of interest for display.

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About the middle of September a second Soldiers' Aid Society was formed, consisting of the younger class of girls. This society made itself useful by preparing bandages and lint for the use of the army.

The Finance Committee appointed to procure subscriptions in Perry Township to promote the cause of enlistment made its report on the 16th of September. The report showed about \$3,497 had been subscribed by citizens, and that \$3,460.38 had been paid.

In the latter part of September Lieut. Galbreath had a recruiting office on the south side of Main Street immediately opposite Sharpnack's clothing store.

The 84th boys of Company G, having ended the three months' campaign in Maryland, returned to their homes on Saturday September 20. Their names were as follows:

Alvin Galbreath; Norman B. Garrigues; John Dobbins; R. G. LyBrand; John Oliphant; Jos. R. Quinn; Jos. Banks; Thos. Lannin; Edward P. Shannon; Alcinas Y. Snyder; Horace T. Smith; Chris. Herwig; Henry Shocker; Frank Hilliard; John Moore; Aquilla J. Pidgeon; Madison Woodruff; John Strawn; Daniel W. Ritchie; Norman Flick; John Gibbs; Jacob Barber; Charles F. Callahan; Martin Wisner; Monroe Howard; Frank Dougherty; A. G. Kennedy.

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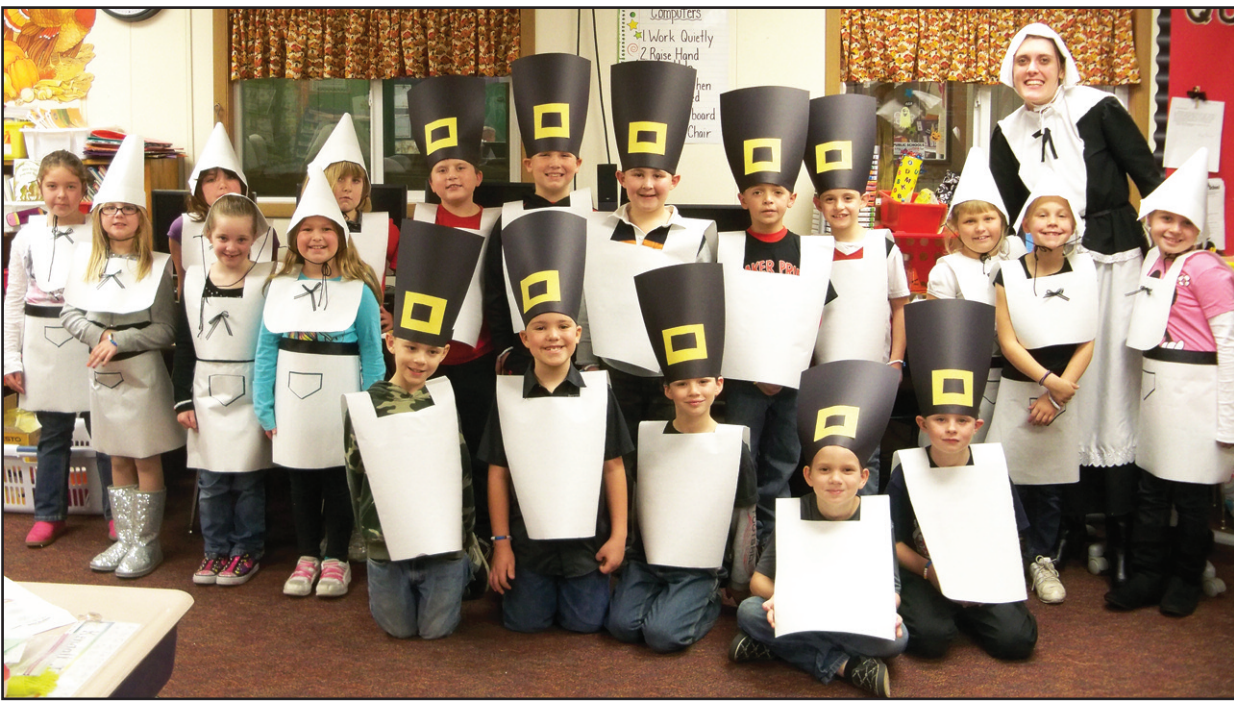
Mrs. Crouse's second graders helped turkeys make it safely past Thanksgiving by disguising them in costumes such as football players, soccer players, ballerinas, cheerleaders, George Washington, clowns, Santa and Frosty.



Kendall in Mrs. Wonner's room works hard to get her pieces of bread the correct size for the Thanksgiving stuffing.



Students in Miss Golubic's class celebrated Thanksgiving.



Mrs. Orville's pilgrims have fun celebrating Thanksgiving.



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Nearing 50, a heightened perspective for Brad Pitt

By JAKE COYLE
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The face is hardly wrinkled and the long blond locks appear unchanged, but Brad Pitt, who will turn 49 in December, is increasingly preoccupied with the passage of time and the thought that his rarefied place in movies is fleeting.

It's now been more than 20 years since Pitt broke out as the heartthrob of "Thelma & Louise." While nothing has diminished his status as one of the few genuine movie stars on the planet, Pitt says he's now working as if an expiration date lurks.

"I'm definitely past halfway," says Pitt. "I think about it very much as a father. You just want to be around to see (your children) do everything. If I have so many days left, how am I filling those days? I've been agonizing over that one a bit like I never have before."

But that sense of urgency has helped fuel some of Pitt's best, most daring work, including his new film, "Killing Them Softly."

It's his second with Andrew Dominik, the New Zealand-born director of "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford." In the adaption of George V. Higgins' 1974 crime novel, "Cogan's Trade," Pitt plays a hit man operating in a shabby underworld of image-conscious gangsters.

It's almost surprising how few blockbusters Pitt has starred in over the last decade. Instead, he's gravitated toward working with revered directors like Terrence Malick ("Tree of Life") and the Coen brothers, and shaping his opportunities by producing them. His production company, Plan B, produced both "Jesse James" and "Killing Them Softly," as well as many of his films in between.

More often than not, he's sought to downplay his glamour, a track begun with David Fincher's "Fight Club" and extended with ruminations on celebrity (Dominik's "Jesse James") and more character actor roles than most leading men would dare (his ditty personal trainer in the Coens' "Burn After Reading," his Nazi-killing lieutenant in Quentin Tarantino's "Inglourious Basterds"). "Killing Them Softly," too, is an ensemble,



Brad Pitt poses for a portrait to promote his new film, "Killing Them Softly." (AP Photo)

with James Gandolfini, Richard Jenkins, Ray Liotta, Scoot McNairy and Ben Mendelsohn.

Even in last year's performance as Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane in "Moneyball" (for which he landed his third Oscar nomination), Pitt deliberately played it low-key.

"Life is more interesting," says the Missouri-bred Pitt. "I enjoy the fantasy; I enjoy when everyone wins. I just don't contribute to that idea very well, for better or worse. There's something subversive in my Christian upbringing or something, my mid-America upbringing. That irreverent urge that makes you want to yell or fart during the Benediction in church. I just can't help it."

And yet, Pitt has simultaneously carried the movie star mantle with seeming ease. Though his relationship with Angelina Jolie, with whom he has six children, has made him a constant tabloid target, he's relaxed and unguarded in conversation.

He says his celebrity "hasn't

bugged me since the '90s," but he acknowledges that he occasionally trades on it: "I mean, I play some smart ball," he says.

"The difficulty with Brad was always: What can you cast a movie star in?" says Dominik. "You have to deal with it. You have to cast him as someone extraordinary, which I guess he is. He's the cool guy in the movie."

Certainly a very un-"Fight Club" thing to do was the recent Chanel ad campaign Pitt stars in, where he smolders in black-and-white and says things like "It's not a journey" into the camera.

The spots were mocked on "Saturday Night Live," to which Pitt says cheerfully: "Fair play, fair play." After a reporter admits not knowing much about fragrances, he laughs: "Apparently, neither do I."

So why do it?

"Never done it before," says Pitt. "Respect the company. I'm getting old. Last time I'll probably be able to do something like that."

It's a line of reasoning that

seems pervasive in Pitt's choices right now, including his current project: "World War Z." It's a zombie action film reportedly budgeted at \$180 million that could give Pitt what his resume is missing: a franchise.

"I'm not a franchise guy," he says. "They told me I should be focusing on that, as I'm getting older and cresting the precipice and heading down the other side: 'You should really bank one of those.' I'm just not good at it."

It's also a far bigger scale production for Pitt and Plan B, and things haven't gone smoothly. The ending is being reshot — typically a bad sign for a movie — and Pitt calls the film "a total learning experience for me." When the film finally wraps, he says, "Believe me, I'll be celebrating."

Dede Gardner, Pitt's producing partner, says getting older has only made Pitt more patient.

"He's extremely careful," says Gardner. "I suppose that's one thing that happens if you age with consciousness, to be vigilant."

Wayne Knight staying jolly in 'Elf'

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A visit backstage at "Elf" finds Santa in a festive mood — he's decorating a Christmas tree.

To be more specific, Wayne Knight, who has donned the red suit in the Broadway musical, is hanging every ornament he can find to hide the plastic tree's strange hue.

"It's a salmon-colored tree so I'm trying to do whatever I can to obfuscate the tree itself," says the former "Seinfeld" mailman Newman. "We don't know what era it's from. It's like 1963 through '65."

The tree was last owned by George Wendt, the former "Cheers" dude-at-the-bar Norm Peterson, who played Santa when the show debuted on Broadway in 2010. Knight, in the same dressing room at the Al Hirschfeld Theatre, has somehow adopted the strange thing.

Wendt and Knight are friends, and "Elf" marks the second time Knight has followed Wendt in a role, having replaced him in "Art" on Broadway in 1999. "It was one of the best experiences of my life, so I tell George wherever he goes, I'll be more than happy to follow him."

In "Elf," Knight plays a rather blue-collar jolly old St. Nick in the musical based on the Will Ferrell

film about Buddy the elf's search for his human parents.

The 57-year-old is loving his return to New York, where his career started in the late 1970s when he replaced Jonathan Hadary opposite Danny Aiello in the Broadway play "Gemini." He had no agent and lots of guts when he asked for the part.

"I went backstage with a resume that was padded with falsity — at the bottom of the resume it said, 'Unafraid to consume new products.' I had nothing," says Knight, laughing. "I knocked on the stage door, handed it to the stage manager and six months later they called me in."

The part he landed was of an overweight, pimply teenager, a role that required him to wear a fat suit. "Now I'm in a Santa suit with a full beard. It's full circle, you know what I mean?" he says.

Since then, Knight has amassed an impressive list of credits as a character actor, from TV parts in "3rd Rock From the Sun" and "Curb Your Enthusiasm" to the films "Jurassic Park," "Basic Instinct," "JFK" and "Dirty Dancing." His latest TV show, "The Exes" with Kristen Johnston, was just picked up for a second season on TV Land.

As Knight hung ornaments on his strange tree, he answered questions from The Associated Press

about the legacy of "Seinfeld," why everyone thinks it's funny to scream "Newman!" at him, and playing Santa.

AP: Have you ever played Santa before?

Knight: No! I've avoided it like the plague. It's like, 'You're a fat guy. You should be Santa!'

AP: What's this show like?

Knight: To me, the tone of it is like "The Rocky & Bullwinkle Show" — the whole family can watch it and it's hitting each person at a different place and you're getting jokes in different ways. You can be tender without being saccharine.

AP: What have you learned over the years about what it takes to succeed in show business?

Knight: I think unreasonable hope is what it takes to be an actor. When you're young, you have unreasonable hope. You believe that you will succeed and you don't know why. Then when you reach a certain age, you believe you will fail and you don't know why. What I'm trying to do is force myself to keep doing theater so that I can rekindle the unreasonableness of the hope that's required to go to higher places.

AP: When people recognize you on the street, what do they do?

Knight: They do the 'Newman!' or 'Hello, Newman!' or think that they're the first person to ever say that. Or yell at you in passing from

a great distance — 'NEWMAN!'

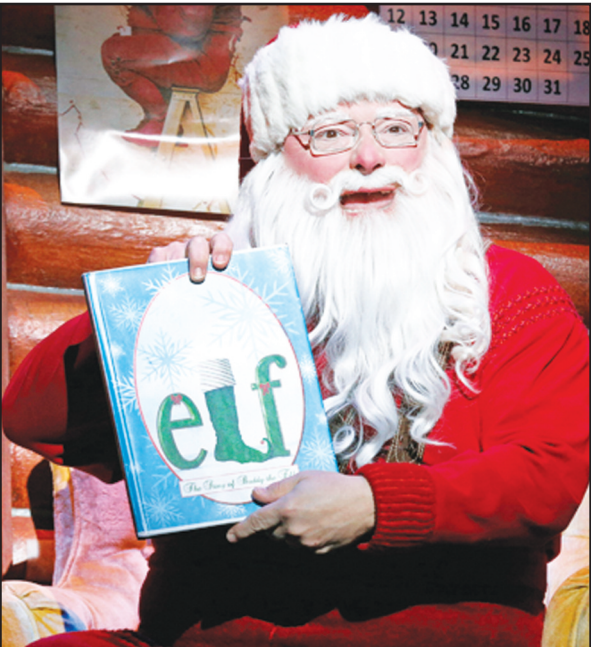
AP: Is that hard for you?

Knight: I think it's harder for my wife than it is for me. I've gotten used to it. I accept the fact that I've been part of something that people like. That's not a terrible thing.

AP: Looking back, how do you view "Seinfeld"?

Knight: It was like a Broadway opening every time you sat down at the table. It was one of the funniest things you've ever had a chance to do and you're among the most talented people. As long as you don't screw it up, you know it's going to be funny. So the challenge of raising your game while doing it was high. But I don't think I had any idea what it would mean in the aftermath.

AP: Your 2-1/2-year-old son, Liam, has seen the musical "Elf." Is he confused about daddy also



Wayne Knight as Santa in the Broadway musical 'Elf.' (AP Photo)

being Santa?

Knight: I think everyone should have therapy. I'm guaranteeing that he will.

AP: But, then again, isn't it every kid's dream to have your dad be Santa?

Knight: Yeah, and this way, when he finds out later that I am, it won't be traumatic. I can say, 'I told you I was Santa! I never lied.'

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Candle lighting event to honor dead children

Dear Annie: When a child dies in your family, the world changes, and you will never again be the same person. Life goes on, but priorities change, and remembering the child who has died is an important way of traveling through your grief



Annie's Mailbox

to new, more meaningful traditions that help to remember the child, sibling or grandchild who has died.

That is why The Compassionate Friends created the Worldwide Candle Lighting. The Compassionate Friends is a national self-help bereavement organization for families going through the natural grieving process after the death of a child. The Worldwide Candle Lighting is held at 7 p.m. local time on the second Sunday in December. This December 9th marks the 16th worldwide event. By lighting at 7 p.m. local time, candles first shine an hour west of the International Date Line and an hour later in the next time zone, creating a virtual 24-hour wave of light in remembrance of all children who have died, no matter their age or country of origin.

Hundreds of services open to the public will be held throughout the day, with services in every state, as well as Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and Guam. We will be joined by allied and sister organizations both at home and abroad, with services also held by local bereavement groups, churches, funeral homes, hospitals, hospices, children's gardens, schools, cemeteries and community centers. Anyone who is unable to attend a service is invited to light a candle in remembrance at 7 p.m. for one hour wherever they may be. For more information on this touching tribute, please ask your readers to visit The Compassionate Friends at www.compassionatefriends.org or call 877-969-0010 toll-free. We also invite your readers to visit our website on December 9 and post a memorial message in our online Remembrance Book. We do this "that their light may always shine!" — **Patricia Loder, Executive Director, The Compassionate Friends/USA**

Dear Patricia Loder: Thank you for giving us the chance to once again mention the Worldwide Candle Lighting. This is a wonderful opportunity for the bereaved and their friends and family members to honor the memory of a child who has died and to be part of a community of others who are paying tribute to their loved ones. We hope our readers will look at your website and participate in this worthwhile event. (And as an added precaution, please do not leave your lighted candle unattended.)

Dear Annie: I find myself in the sad and unfortunate position of having a daughter who has decided out of anger to prevent my husband and me from having any contact with our 7-year-old granddaughter. This seems to be a common occurrence these days. My friends and family tell us that we will eventually hear from our granddaughter when she is older and out on her own. I don't know if this is true. Have any of your readers been through this difficult situation and reconnected with their grandchildren after such a long separation? — **Arizona Grandparents**

Dear Arizona: We hope so, and undoubtedly they will write to tell us if this has happened and offer words of encouragement. But in the meantime, check with an attorney to see whether your state recognizes grandparents' rights. Also, if there is anything you can do to repair the relationship with your daughter, please try. Estrangement is a high price to pay for angry disagreements that could possibly be resolved with apologies and tolerance. We also hope you will look into becoming foster grandparents.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"HEARD DOWN UNDER" By KATHLEEN FAY O'BRIEN

ACROSS

- 1 Not as risky
- 6 Influential collegian, briefly
- 10 Mus. direction in a dramatic passage
- 15 Dalmatian, e.g.
- 19 Where surfers shop
- 20 Sphere opening
- 21 Romney foe
- 22 ___ colada
- 23 Arranged pickling solutions on the shelf?
- 26 Breakfast fare
- 27 Name on sweet pieces
- 28 Deceptive handle
- 29 Memorable Shakespearean trio
- 31 Solstice mo.
- 32 "Ghostbusters" goo
- 34 Like blue cheese
- 37 Cosa ___
- 38 Virginie, e.g.
- 40 Funhouse admission fee?
- 43 Syst. with gestures
- 44 Furrowed
- 46 Patriotic chant
- 47 Island S. of 10-Down
- 49 Program writer
- 50 Pre-coll. exams
- 53 Place setting items
- 55 ___ flakes
- 58 ACLU concerns
- 60 Like leaves
- 63 Drug in Shatner novels
- 64 Roller coaster, e.g.
- 65 Tough call
- 68 Firenze's land
- 70 Verb in the classic "Mission: Impossible" opening scene
- 72 One in a military march?
- 73 "Your shingle work stinks!" e.g.?
- 76 Litigator's org.
- 77 Outfit for an outfit
- 79 Official commands
- 80 Biceps band
- 82 13th-century date
- 83 President pro ___
- 85 Uppity sort
- 86 Beach shirt

- 87 "Fawltly Towers" producer, with "the"
- 88 Old dagger
- 90 Cognac grade, initially
- 92 Reuben need
- 96 Spanish she-bear
- 98 Not really, with "only"
- 101 Quiet
- 103 Goal for a H.S. dropout
- 105 "Don't take candy from strangers," say?
- 109 Urgent
- 110 Beekeeper product
- 112 Algerian port
- 113 Oct. 24, 1947 declaration
- 115 ___ school
- 116 Abby and Martha's poison of choice, in a 1939 play
- 118 Types
- 120 Asian wraps
- 122 Democratic donkey designer

- 123 Empty church basket?
- 128 Wineglass feature
- 129 Water from France
- 130 City west of Caen
- 131 Reverberations in une grotte
- 132 Mitty portrayer
- 133 Data update mechanisms
- 134 Partings
- 135 Venezia casino winner

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- 2 Disaronno
- 3 Originaire product
- 3 King or queen
- 4 Sommer of film
- 5 Like May through August, in a way
- 6 Book flap feature
- 7 My friend abroad
- 8 Long John Silver feature

- 9 "___ fan tulle": Mozart opera
- 10 Napoleon I's birthplace
- 11 Sac fly result
- 12 Suffix with Jacob
- 13 Diving duck
- 14 Sausage skin
- 15 Short details?
- 16 Landing with just a toothbrush?
- 17 Infuriates
- 18 Feudal servant
- 24 Dutch pottery city
- 25 St. ___: Caribbean island
- 30 Little piggies
- 31 Invoice column hdg.
- 33 Infuriates
- 35 Pal
- 36 Goes after
- 39 Theater sections
- 41 Conserves
- 42 Like "Mary Poppins"
- 45 Maestro Toscanini

- 48 Magician's opening
- 51 Arabic alphabet opener
- 52 Funny Fields
- 54 Topper seen on a mogul
- 56 Hacienda brick
- 57 A beginner in
- 59 Man cave topic
- 61 Onetime Rolex rival
- 62 Find
- 65 Opposable digit
- 66 Prevention measure?
- 67 Indian chef's series of adventures?
- 69 Choir section
- 71 Put in bold type, say
- 74 Subtitle of the sequel "Damien"
- 75 Analogy words
- 78 Trivial lies
- 81 Spoke
- 84 ___ Park: Edison lab site
- 89 Nuke-testing dept.

- 91 Remain undecided
- 93 "Allow me ..."
- 94 Deadeye
- 95 Arctic carrier
- 97 Rube's "anti"
- 99 Opens one's eyes
- 100 Crazy
- 102 Audibly awed
- 103 Southern Baltic Sea port
- 104 List of typos and such
- 106 Worldwide relief org.
- 107 It's common in some camps
- 108 Boot part
- 111 "Capisce?"
- 114 Many pin tumbler locks
- 117 Shelter from a storm, perhaps
- 119 Airline investigative org.
- 121 Fried ___
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- 126 Stats, e.g.
- 127 "Cats" poet's monogram

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On 'Fire,' Alicia Keys presents new side of self

By MESFIN FEKADU

AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Alicia Keys will make you cry. Cry hard. That's what happened when a close friend listened to the song "Brand New Me," a personal piano-tune from Keys' new album that she calls her "autobiography." On it, she sings about being herself, even if others don't approve.

"When I looked up from playing it, she was crying and she was like, 'Why didn't you warn me?' It caught her off-guard," Keys recalled in an interview. "There's something about a time in your life that we all go through — if you haven't gone through it you will — that you find you're going to rise above something that's kind of held you back and you find this thing inside of you that really says, 'I'm new now.'"

Keys' life has changed tremendously since she recorded "The Element of Freedom" three years ago. She's now a mother and Broadway producer, and has dealt with her first major tabloid drama, involving her relationship with her husband, producer-rapper Swizz Beatz, and his ex-wife.

And the 31-year-old Keys, who rarely collaborates with other singers, is working with new players: "Girl on Fire," out this week, features Bruno Mars, Frank Ocean, Jamie xx, Nicki Minaj, Emeli Sande, Babyface, Dr. Dre, John Leg-

end and Maxwell.

"I'm just way more open all around, and I really wanted to work with some different people this time that could really accentuate what I do," she said.

Keys talked about her fifth album, new haircut and 2-year-old son, Egypt, who accompanied her onstage during a performance of "No One" at an event for iHeartRadio honoring Superstorm Sandy first responders Tuesday in New York.

AP: What was it like writing "Brand New Me" since the lyrics are so direct?

Keys: I think the whole album is more lyrical than ever before and I definitely think it is on a deeper level. ... Maybe it's more accessible, or maybe I've given more access to myself. I think the real thing is I'm clearer about who I am, myself and what I feel. And I think probably when I was younger, maybe you have more of a sense of wanting to save a part of yourself or hide a part of yourself, or protect a part of yourself or something like that, and that's just natural.

AP: Has the songwriting process changed for you over the years?

Keys: It does change. The approach changes depending



Alicia Keys

on different times. My last record, 'Element,' it was more like, I was so into sounds and sonics, I was so into how to create more sonic places to go to and experiment. I think the songwriting process came almost second to the sonics of it, which was interesting. But then this record, the songwriting process was king for me.

AP: You have a duet with Maxwell, which excited many people.

Keys: It's just so dope. And Gary Clark Jr. is on there playing ... the combination of all of it together is steamy! It's steamy!

AP: Your son is featured on "When It's All Over." How did that happen?

Keys: We were in the studio working on it, and he came in and he was kind of seeing us sing and writing it, and so he wanted to see the mic, so I passed it to him and he started talking on it. But this is when he was like a year and three months, so what first was on there was kind of just the first words he was saying, but as time progressed and we were about to wrap the album, I was like, 'I really gotta get Egypt on ... because he's 2 now, he has a lot to say, he has a personal-

ity.' And so I brought him back into the studio ... and you'll notice, I'll ask him what's his name and he says 'Showtime' (laughs). So for those that know my husband, you'll understand what that means.

AP: Has being a mother changed the way you create music?

Keys: It was definitely strange. What really happened is I was a lot more precise about what I wanted to accomplish. ... Whereas before, it was kind of like endless hours in the studio, just doing everything. I'd be eating there. I'd be talking on the phone. I'd be doing music there. I'd be like hanging out, chillin', watch a movie there, like doing everything. It was less about that and more about 'Here's what I'm coming to do, the vision I had for today and then I'm going home.' So it was a lot more specific and actually that focus was really good for me.

AP: You cut your hair. How does it feel?

Keys: I love this hair. I love it chopped off. I love all the things I can do with it. In fact, I can do more things with my short hair than I could do with my long hair to be honest. It's just such a freeing, powerful feeling to have short hair and to let go of all the things in my past, you know, 'cause I feel like you start fresh. You start fresh and fly, and that's how I feel.

Dick Clark to be celebrated by ABC New Year's Eve

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC is turning its first New Year's Eve without Dick Clark in four decades partly into a celebration of the showbiz impresario's life.

Clark, who did the first annual "New Year's Rockin' Eve" special on ABC in 1972, died at age 82 in April. Fergie and Jenny McCarthy will be hosts of a two-hour tribute to Clark that will air at 8 p.m. ET on New Year's Eve.

ABC said Wednesday that Ryan Seacrest will host the countdown show from Times Square, with Taylor Swift, Carly Rae Jepsen, Neon Trees, Flo Rida and Pitbull among the musical guests. Seacrest hosted the past few years with Clark making short appearances. A stroke had diminished Clark's communications skills.

Al Green, Helen Reddy and Three Dog Night performed at Clark's first New Year's special.

Katy Perry adds to perfume line

By The Associated Press

Katy Perry is adding some new scents to her perfume line. The singer and songwriter is to develop a line of signature scents with beauty company Coty Inc., according to an announcement released Wednesday. Coty will distribute them on a larger scale than the Purrr and Meow! perfumes that Perry previously crafted.

The company says Perry's "unique approach to music and life" will drive her inspiration, and move toward "new avenues of scent creation."

Filmmaker Forman earns DGA prize

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two-time Academy Award winner Milos Forman is receiving the lifetime-achievement award from his peers at the Directors Guild of America. The filmmaker who won Oscars for "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "Amadeus" will be getting the guild honor at the directors union awards ceremony Feb. 2. In announcing the award Wednesday, guild President Taylor Hackford called Forman one of the greatest filmmakers of modern times, saying the filmmaker finds the "universality of the human experience in every story."

Among Forman's other films are "Ragtime," "The People vs. Larry Flynt" and "Man on the Moon."

Second Yoda statue planned at SF park

SAN ANSELMO, Calif. (AP) — Star Wars fans may soon have another Yoda statue in the San Francisco Bay area to visit. Filmmaker George Lucas plans to help build a small park in Marin County that would include bronze statues of the popular Star Wars character and Indiana Jones.

His estate manager tells the Marin Independent Journal the Yoda statue would be similar to one in San Francisco's Presidio neighborhood. That one — a full-sized replica of the Jedi sage — lies atop a fountain outside an arts center where Lucas moved most of his operations in 2005. It has become a big draw for fans.

Lucas applied for a permit Wednesday to demolish a building on the site of the planned park in San Anselmo, the town where Lucas lives.

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